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No effort was made to collect data on all the children of the principals in this lineage; when information was available on them, it was included.

In referring to the several volumes compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields and John Frederick Dorman, book titles were not cited in the references since it will be obvious from the item, what volume was quoted.

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MICHAEL HOLT<sup>1</sup>

b. ca. 1697  
prob. Germany

d. 1765-67  
Will dated Oct. 31, 1765  
Proved November Court, 1767  
Orange County, N. Car.

m. in Virginia  
(if 1st child was b. ca. 1719)

Elizabeth -----

b. -----  
d. after Oct. 31, 1765  
Orange County, N. Car.

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Michael Holt's birthdate was estimated as about 1697 by assuming that Michael Holt, Jr., born May 6, 1723, was his third son and third child. (Michael and Elizabeth Holt, in 1746, deeded by gift, three tracts of land in Orange County, Va. to Nicholas, John and Michael Holt, Jr. and the indentures were recorded in that order.)

Horace B. Lindsey, in his Holt family record, stated that Michael Holt I was born in 1703 in the Palatinate (Alsace) and that his wife was Elizabeth (Scheible?); the same data were included in an unsigned, undated lineage chart in the appendix of Eugene Holt's Edwin Michael Holt. No authorities for the statements were cited in either record.

Michael Holt arrived in Virginia in 1717 with a group of families known in history and genealogy as the Second German Colony or the Colony of 1717. Other family names in the group were Amberger, Ballenger, Blankenbucker, Bryol (Broil, Broyles), Clore, Cook, Fleshman, Kaifer (Cafer), Kerker, Mayer, Parlur (Barlow, Berler), Paulitz, Sheible, Smith, Snyder, Utz, Yager, Zimmerman.

The story of this colony has been told by several historians: Charles E. Kemper, William Wallace Scott, Rev. W. P. Huddle, Arthur Leslie Keith, and Claude Lindsay Yowell. A portion of Keith's article, "The German Colony of 1717," is quoted below:

This year, 1917, marks the second centennial of the arrival in Virginia of a small band of High Germans, whose descendants scattered now throughout the country, particularly the South and West, are numbered by the tens of thousands. For present purposes it is sufficient to recall only the leading facts of their history. Twenty German Lutheran families from Alsace, the Palatinate, Hesse and vicinity, seeking to escape from



the persecutions of the French, secured passage on a boat bound for America. Their boat was detained in England for some considerable time for the reason that its captain (Captain Scott?) had been thrown into prison for debt. He was finally released but the provisions with which the emigrants had stocked themselves for the long voyage ran low so that many of them perished on the way over. They had intended to join their fellow-countrymen in Pennsylvania, but by adverse storms were driven to the shores of Virginia. Their captain's heart had not been softened by his own recent experiences, but he sought to replenish himself at the expense of the friendless Germans. He claimed that they had not paid their passage money, which claim may have been true owing to the fact that the voyage had taken much more than the usual time, through no fault of their own. He refused to allow them to land until Gov. Spotswood gave him the amount demanded. Gov. Spotswood, however, before doing this secured the assent of the Germans to a contract which they apparently did not fully understand. He established them at or near Germanna, where the 1714 colony was already located. Here until 1724 they worked for Spotswood as indentured servants. This period is described as one of great hardships. In 1724 they seem to have attempted to escape from this bondage but Col. Spotswood sued them and compelled most of them to serve another year, so that they labored eight years to gain their freedom. In 1725 the entire colony, now released, moved to the Robinson River near the foot of the Blue Mountains, in present Madison County. Here in June, 1726, they received large patents of land. They had chosen for their home a place that stood on the very border of civilization. Surrounded thus by the dangers and difficulties of the frontier life they made their homes and reached a certain degree of prosperity. There is no evidence that any of them wearying of their lot sought an easier life in the already settled portions of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Other Germans were added to them from time to time. Later, members of this community, inspired by the wanderlust, went out for new homes, but still they turned toward the frontier, to the unsettled parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

During the early years they were without regular religious ministrations. In 1719, while still at Germanna, they joined with the members of the 1714 colony in a petition to the Bishop of London praying for support in the maintenance of a minister and to have the Liturgy of the Church of England translated into High Dutch. In 1724 or 1725 they sent two of their number, Michael Cook and Ziriakus Fleshman, to Germany "to bring a minister for us High Germans who are here." This effort was unsuccessful. In 1733 after their removal



to the Robinson River the Rev. John Caspar Stoever came among them and was their first regular pastor. In 1734 he, with Michael Holt and Michael Schmidt, went to Germany to solicit funds with which to build a church. In this effort they were successful. Stoever died on the return voyage, but his place was taken by a young man, Rev. George Samuel Klug, who came to Virginia for this very purpose, that is, to minister to the German flock in the wilderness. In 1740 Hebron Lutheran Church was built, which, with some few alterations and additions, still stands as a monument to the heroism and devotion of these early pioneers (Keith, pp. 79-80).

Until 1734, the German Colony of 1717 lived in Spotsylvania County, Va. (formed 1720/1), first on the south side of the Rappahannock River near Germanna, about twenty miles above Fredericksburg, and later on the Robinson and Rappidan Rivers. On Jan. 1, 1734/5, the area in which they lived became Orange County; on May 18, 1749, Culpeper County, and in 1792, Madison County.

Records of Michael Holt found in Spotsylvania, Orange and Culpeper Counties are given below.

#### Spotsylvania County

A Virginia Council order dated Apr. 23, 1724 related to the petition of Zerichias Fleshman and George Utz, representing themselves "and fourteen other high-Germans" then being sued by Col. Alexander Spotswood on account of their transportation charges to Virginia. They resided at that time near Germanna (Kemper, p. 364).

1724, July 7 - It was ordered by the Spotsylvania County Court that the action of debt brought by Col. Spotswood against Michael Holt be dismissed, "the plaintiff not appearing to prosecute" (Kemper, p. 367).

1726, June 24 - George I of England granted 400 acres to Michael Holt:

We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us Our Heirs and Successors do give grant and confirm unto Michael Holt of St. George Parish in Spotsylvania County one certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred acres lying and being in the parish and county aforesaid and in the first forks of Rappidan River and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at three red oaks by the side of a branch of the Island Run thence north sixty five degrees west three hundred and twenty poles to three white oaks by another branch of the Island Run thence south twenty five degrees west two hundred poles to a white and red oak thence south sixty five degrees east three hundred and twenty poles



to two red oaks thence north twenty five degrees east two hundred poles to the beginning place. . . . Witness our trusty and wellbeloved Hugh Drysdale Esqr. Our Lieut. Govr. at Williamsburgh under the seal of Our said Colony the twenty fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and twenty six in the twelfth year of Our Reign (Virginia Patents 12, 1724-26, p. 477).

1726, Nov. 1 - On petition of the Germans, Francis Kirkley and George James were ordered "to lay out and make the most convenient way for ye Germans' Mountain Road" and Michael Holt was appointed overseer (Kemper, p. 365).

1727, Aug. 2 - Robert Spotswood asked the Court to remove Michael Holt as surveyor of the "Mountain Road," which was done, and Michael Clore was appointed in his place (Kemper, p. 365).

1728, Sept. 28 - George II of England granted 245 acres to Michael Holt:

We have given granted and confirmed . . . unto Michael Holt of Saint Georges Parish Spotsylvania County one certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and forty five acres lying and being in the first fork of the Rappadan River in the Parish and County aforesaid and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at three white oaks corner to the said Michael Holt and John Broyl thence north sixty five degrees west one hundred and ninety six pole to a Spanish oak a chestnut and a poplar thence south twenty five degrees west two hundred pole to three black oaks thence south sixty five degrees east one hundred and ninety six pole to a red oak and a white oak thence north twenty five degrees east two hundred pole to the beginning. . . . Witness our Trusty and Welbeloved William Gooch Esq. Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the Seal of our said Colony the twenty eighth day of September One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Eight In the Second Year of Our Reign (Virginia Patents 14, 1728-32, p. 100).

1729, Aug. 5 - Michael Holt, and others, obtained permission to clear a road from the island in the first fork of White Oak Run "for to roll their tobacco" (Kemper, p. 366).

1732?, Mar. 7 - With Balthasar (or Paultus) Blankenpaker and Nichles Blankenpaker, Michael Holt witnessed John Broyle's Will, which was proved Feb. 5, 1734 (Keith, pp. 89, 185).

1734, Sept. 3 - A petition was laid before the Spotsylvania County Court:



On the petition of Michael Holt, Michael Smith & Michael Clore in behalf of themselves and ye rest of the Germans, seated by the great Mountains on the Robinson River, in this County, setting forth that they have a Minister, (Ye Rev. Augustine Stover) who they accommodate, pay and satisfy his salery at y'r own charge, and have already purchased a Glebe & built a house for the use of Y'e S'd Minister. And also that they are building a Church for Y'e congregation, but being of low circumstances (& obliged to pay levies in the Parish where they live) and not being able to go through the charge, are sending home to Germany y'e Rev. Augustine Stover, Michael Holt & Michael Smith in order to get some relief & assistance toward Y'e building of said Church & Maintainance of y'e s'd Minister.

Humbly desiring this Court to recommend the same to his Hon. the Governor in order that they might get a certificate of him to testifie the truth thereof; . . . (Court Order Bk. 1730-38, p. 337; Huddle, p. 24).

1734, Sept. 18 - The Governor of Virginia issued a "written testimonial":

William Gooch, Esq., Vice-governor of his Royal Majesty and Commander-in-General of the land and province of Virginia,

Sends Greeting to all, to whom these presents may come.

At the request of Michael Hold and several other German Protestant inhabitants, at the great mountains in the County of Spotsylvania, of this government, I testify herewith, that the said inhabitants keep and maintain, out of their own means, an Evangelical minister of their religion, namely the Reverend Augustin Stoever, for whom they have already acquired a certain tract of land and have built a parsonage and are now about to build a church. . . . In order that full credence may be given to these delegates in Germany, in all their endeavors and undertakings, I have given them this written testimonial and have caused the seal of this province to be affixed to the same . . . (Hinke, pp. 154-55, quoting Acta-Historico-Ecclesiastica, III [Weimar, 1738], 1094. This testimonial was also recorded in Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. F, p. 90: "At a Court held for the County of Culpeper on Thursday the 17th day of May 1770 On the Motion of Andrew Carpenter and others This Certificate from William Gooch Esqr. former Governor to Michael Holt & other German Prodistsants is Ordered to be Recorded.")



## Orange County

1734/5, Feb. 11 - A petition signed by the Rev. John Caspar Stoever, Michael Smith and Michael Holt, was received (or recorded) in London on this date. The document was endorsed: "Petition of the Minister Elders and Members of a German Lutheran Congregation settled in Virginia praying that the Governor of that Province may be instructed to pass a Law to exempt them from Parish Levys."

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council

The humble Petition of the Minister Elders and Members of a German Lutheran Congregation Settled in the Prince of Oranges County (formerly called Spotsylvania County) in Virginia

Sheweth

That the said Congregation consists of Sixty-two Familys making in number 274 Persons.

That they came to Virginia in the year 1717 and were then Settled on some Lands belonging to Colonell Spotswood but in the year 1725 they removed forty miles further and were then seated upon Lands belonging to the Crown at the very borders of the Country under the Great Ridge of Mountains where they have served as a Defence against the Indians and in which dangerous Scituation they have continued ever since. . . .

The Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give your Royal Instructions to the Governor of Your Majesty's Province of Virginia to recommend to the Council and Assembly to renew such part of the Act as is aforesaid to exempt them from the paying of all Parish Levies during such time as to Your Majesty shall seem meet which will prove a great inducement to many other German Familys to come and settle in those parts.

And your Petrs shall ever pray &c.

Johannes Casparus Stoeverus  
dictae Congregationis Pastor  
Michael Smith one of the Elders  
of the L. Congregation  
Michael Hollt one of the Members  
of the said Congregation  
(Huddle, pp. 111-13).

Meanwhile, Pastor Stoever, Michael Holt and Michael Smith, soliciting for the Lutheran congregation in Virginia, had been to England where they were received by the German



Lutheran ministers in London. From England they went to Holland where they began their collections in Amsterdam about Aug. 1, 1735. They then proceeded into Germany and took up the work at Oldenburg, continuing from there through Bremen and Hamburg, Lubec and Kolberg. From Kolberg they went to Koslin, Stolp, and Lauenburg, then to Danzig "where we find them June 11, 1736, and where they remained about two months. Here Michael Holt left them and returned by way of London to Virginia" (Huddle, p. 25).

In 1737, while still in Europe, Pastor Stoever wrote his "Short Report of an Evangelical German Lutheran Congregation, living in the American Virginia, namely, at the extreme borders of the County of Spotsylvania":

In the year 1717 a small number of Evangelical Lutheran Christians from the Alsace, the Palatinate and the neighboring districts (whose intention it was to go to Pennsylvania) after an unfortunate voyage to the American continent, settled at the extreme borders of the province of Virginia, in the County of Spotsylvania, having undergone many hardships during the first eight years. Their number is at present 300 souls. They are now amply provided in temporal things by the Preserver of all creatures, to whom all honor is due. Because they live fifty German miles from the ocean they are unable to dispose of their superabundant provisions, with the exception of their tobacco, which they exchange for the necessary clothing.

Although this congregation, solicitous for the salvation of their souls, made every effort to secure a pastor, and twelve years ago, by sending two of their men to Europe, intended to accomplish this, yet for full sixteen years they were compelled to be without public worship and a pastor, although they had a very great hunger for the word of grace.

At last the gracious God heard their continual prayers and selected me, unworthy servant, after receiving a call and ordination, to be their teacher and preacher. I have also begun public worship among them, in accordance with the grace granted to me by God, by teaching them and administering the sacraments. I have been satisfied with a yearly salary of 3,000 pounds of tobacco (worth about fifty-five rix-dollars). But the joy over the divine worship now established, the zeal of the people in the same, the anxious fear that the light of the gospel, kindled by the grace of God among men, might again be extinguished after my death and thus reduce them to the same former, spiritual destitution, together with the earnest desire to preserve the Evangelical truth to themselves and their descendants and the eager solicitude of that dear, but



poor, congregation, all these induced me to undertake this dangerous and difficult journey in God's name, after having received permission from the royal governor and taking with me an elder, Michael Schmidt, and a member of this congregation, Michael Hold, the latter returned again to Virginia from Danzig. It is our purpose to gather contributions from the Christian friends in Europe, so as to be able to continue our above-mentioned public worship, to build a church and a school and to establish a fund for the maintenance of the ministers, because this congregation is compelled to contribute its share to the support of the English minister and his services (Hinke, pp. 147-49).

It is probable that Michael Holt did not return directly to Virginia from London. He had been instrumental in engaging an assistant for Pastor Stoever, the Rev. George Samuel Klug who was ordained Aug. 30, 1736 at Danzig.

Though it is said that Mr. Klug, immediately after his ordination, proceeded from Danzig to England and from there to Virginia, in company of Michael Smith, yet Rev. Stoever's will shows that this was a mistake. If he was accompanied by either, and it seems that he was, it was Michael Holt.

Mr. Klug arrived in London in January, 1737, he left England some time after Sept. 28, 1738, and is known to have been in Virginia May 20, 1739 (Huddle, pp. 25, 31-32). Michael Holt was in Orange County, Va. by April, 1738.

1738, Apr. 15 - George Sheible of Orange County, for natural love and affection, deeded 78 acres to his grandson, George Holt. The land was located "in the fork of the Rappahannock River on both sides the Robinson River . . . by the Robinson River side on the north side." This deed, witnessed by William Henderson and Michael Holt (his mark) was proved Apr. 27, 1738 (Deed Bk. 2, pp. 287-89; Dorman, p. 49).

1740, July 23 - Michael Holt of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, bought from William Eddings of the same parish, 250 acres of "wood land ground" located in the fork of the Raperdan River in St. Mark's Parish. Witnesses: Christopher Yowill (his mark), Mark Hinks (his mark). Proved July 24, 1740 (Deed Bk. 4, p. 164).

On Aug. 29, 1740, a "Letter of Thanks of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Orange County, Virginia, in America," was sent to "all our benefactors, high and low, in and outside of Germany":

The remarkable liberality to which persons of high and low birth, in Germany, Prussia and other places were impelled towards us, their poor fellow believers,



living in a distant part of the world, in order to improve by their kind contributions our hitherto poor spiritual condition, due to the lack of the necessary temporal means, such liberality puts us and our descendants under lasting obligations to them. Reverence, love and gratitude are the feelings with which our hearts are filled towards our dearest benefactors. We remember them at all times in our daily prayers and are confident that God, who hears when the poor call upon him, will graciously hear our prayer, remember them in mercy and reward here temporarily, and yonder eternally the kindness shown to us, which will only redound to the advancement of his glory and his service. . . .

This is the wish and prayer to God of the congregation in Virginia, accepting the unchanged Augsburg Confession.

George Samuel Klug, pastor  
 Michael Koch  
 Michael Schmit  
 Michael Hollt  
 Michael Klar  
 George Utz (Hinke, pp. 167-69).

1742/3, Jan. 1 - Michael Willheit of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, in his Will of this date gave "unto my Daughter Eva (now married to Nicolaus Hold) three pounds Currency - Lastly - I make and ordain my loving Friend Michael Hold and my Dear Eldest son Tobias Willheit to be Executors." Witnesses: Balthasa Blankenbecker (his mark), John Sneider, Michael Holt (Will Bk. 2, p. 87; Dorman, p. 15).

1742/3, Jan. 18 - With William Jackson and William Offill, Michl. Holt witnessed the Will of Peter Rucker of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County (Will Bk. I, pp. 299-300; Dorman, p. 56).

1742/3, Jan. 28 - Susanah and Peter Rucker (Executors of the Estate of John Rucker) with Anthony Head, James Picket and Michael Holt, gave a bond for £1000 to Thomas Chew, Gent., first justice (Will Bk. I, pp. 250-51; Dorman, p. 48).

1742, Mar. 23 - William Rucker of Orange County sold to Michael Holt of Orange County, 100 acres in the fork of Elk Run in Orange County. Proved Mar. 24, 1742 (Deed Bk. 7, p. 175).

1743, Mar. 30 - Michl. Holt of Orange County, George Holt and Henry Downes, Gent., gave bond for £200 to Thomas Chew, for George Holt and Mary Magdalene, his wife, guardians of Philip and Eliza. Staver, orphans of John Gauber Staever (Will Bk. I, pp. 263-64; Dorman, p. 50).



1743/4, Feb. 23 - The Will of Peter Rucker was presented in Court by James and Ephram Rucker and proved by William Jackson and Michl. Holt. Richard Mauldin, Jr., George and Michael Holt, with James and Ephrahim Rucker, Executors, gave bond for £500 to Robert Slaughter, Gent., justice (Will Bk. I, pp. 299-302; Dorman, p. 56).

1746, June 26 - The Will of Michael Willheit was presented to the Orange County Court by Tobias Willheit and proved by the oaths of Michael Holt and Balthasa Blanken-pecker, two of the witnesses. Michael Holt, one of the executors, "appearing in Court refused to join in the same" (Will Bk. ?, p. 88; Dorman, p. 15).

1746, Sept. 20 - Michael Holt and Elizabeth Holt of the Parish of St. Mark's, Orange County, by "their Deed of Gift," gave to Nicholas Holt of the Parish of St. Thomas, Orange County, 125 acres in St. Thomas Parish. The tract was located "on the south side of the Main County Road that Leadeth from Elk Run up the Rapidanne River," it being one-half of a tract Michael Holt purchased from William Eddings on July 23, 1740. Signed: Michael Holt, Elizabeth Holt (her mark). Witnesses: Michael Holt, Jr. (his mark), John Holt (his mark), John Simpson. Proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Deed Bk. 10, p. 444).

1746, n.d. - Michael Holt and Elizabeth Holt of the Parish of St. Mark's, Orange County, by "their Deed of Gift," gave to John Holt of the same parish and county, 122½ acres located in St. Mark's Parish, it being part of a patent granted to Michael Holt on Sept. 28, 1728. Signed: Michael Holt, Elizabeth Holt (her mark). Witnesses: Nicholas Holt (his mark), Michael Holt (his mark), John Simpson. Proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Deed Bk. 10, p. 445).

1746, Sept. 20 - Michael Holt and Elizabeth Holt of the Parish of St. Mark's, Orange County, by "their Deed of Gift," gave to Michael Holt, Jr. of the Parish of St. Thomas, Orange County, 125 acres in St. Thomas Parish, it being one-half of a tract Michael Holt purchased from William Eddings on July 23, 1740. Signed: Michael Holt, Elizabeth Holt (her mark). Witnesses: Nicholas Holt (his mark), John Holt (his mark), John Simpson. Proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Deed Bk. 10, p. 446).

1750, June 2 - Philip Bush, administrator of the Estate of John Bush of St. Tomms. Parish, Orange County, made oath before Henry Downs concerning an accounting of the estate. Among the items listed was a payment to Mickl. Holt (Will Bk. 2, pp. 151-52; Dorman, p. 33).



## Culpeper County

1750, Nov. 23 - Mical Holt (his mark), John Clore and Michael Rossel? witnessed the Will of George Clore (Will Bk. A, pp. 41-42; Dorman, p. 10).

1751, Sept. 19 - The above Will was proved by the oaths of Michael Holt and Michael Russell, witnesses, Michael Russel having first renounced his executorship (Will Bk. A, pp. 41-42; Dorman, p. 10).

1754, Mar. 15 - Michael Holt of Culpeper County, Brumfield Parish, for "natural love and affection" gave to his son Christopher Holt of the same county and parish, a tract of land in Brumfield Parish containing 122½ acres, located in the Little Fork between the Rappadan and Robinson Rivers, which tract was part of a patent granted to Michael Holt for 245 acres, dated Sept. 28, 1728. Signed: Michael Hollt. Witnesses: James Barbour, John Holt (his mark), William Henderson. Proved Mar. 21, 1754 (Deed Bk. B, p. 67).

1755, Apr. 4 - Michael Holt and Elizabeth, his wife, of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County, sold to Jeremiah Early of the same parish and county, all that tract of land granted to Michael Holt by patent dated June 24, 1726, containing 400 acres. also 100 acres in Brumfield Parish, being part of a tract granted to John Rucker. Signed: Michael Hollt, Eliza. Holt (her mark). Witnesses: Jos. Edins (his mark), Wm. Harvey (his mark), Thos. Kirtley, Thos. Stanton. Proved Apr. 17, 1755 (Deed Bk. B, p. 283).

1755, Apr. 14 - Michael Holt and his wife Elizabeth, John Holt and his wife Mary, all of Culpeper County, sold to Adam Garr of the same county, 122½ acres in Culpeper County, part of a patent for 245 acres granted to Michael Holt on Sept. 28, 1728. Signed: Michel Hollt, Elizabeth Holt (her mark), John Holt (his mark), Mary Holt (her mark). Witnesses: Jas. Barbour, Adam Wilhite (his mark), Martin Rouse (his mark). Proved Apr. 17 and July 17, 1755 (Deed Bk. B, p. 287).

The date the Michael Holt family moved to Orange County, N. Car. can be estimated as after Apr. 14, 1755 and before Aug. 20, 1759, when a grant of 739 acres was issued in the name of Michael Holt. (The date of the move has been estimated by other compilers as about 1740 and 1755-60; see page 58.

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Michael Holt 739 acres of land in orange County lying on the waters of the little Alamance; Beginning at a hickory on a line Commonly Called McCullocks old line then running North cross a Branch 60 chains to a Black Jack then East Cross Phillip Spring Branch 80 chains to a Black Jack and hickory Bush then South cross a Branch



105 chains to a white oak then West cross a Branch 35 chains to a Stone on the said McCulloks line then along that line No. 45 Westerly to the first Station Dated 20th day of August, 1759 (North Carolina Land Grant Bk. 14, p. 423, file 690).

The area in which the Holt family settled in Orange County, N. Car. became Alamance County in 1849.

Copied below are excerpts from Martin H. Holt's sketch of Michael Holt, Jr., published in the Bio-graphical History of North Carolina:

The Holts of Alamance are descended from Michael Holt, who came to Orange County from Virginia about 1740, probably along with the stream of Scotch-Irish immigration to the valley of the Haw River. He obtained a grant from Earl Granville of several hundred acres of land, lying between and probably covering the sites of the present thriving towns of Graham and Burlington. The site of his home is still distinctly to be seen halfway between these towns, on the north side of the macadam road, opposite the county almshouse, on what is locally known as the Whidbee place. Of his children, and he had several, we have no account, except William, who was killed by the Tory, Colonel O'Neill; John and Nicholas, who became heads of families, whose descendants are yet to be found in Alamance and adjoining counties; and Michael Holt, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Michael Holt was a very prosperous man for his day; a good farmer, an excellent machinist, wide-awake, and very progressive. The old family burial plot is in the pine woods a few hundred yards north of the almshouse, and here he and various members of his family lie buried (Letters of Mrs. Marie Holt Foust). He died about 1765.

Among the Holts of Alamance there are a few who claim that this pioneer came from Germany, through Pennsylvania, and that the spelling of the name was Holz or Holtz or Houltz. Those who claim he was German-born base their opinion on Smyth's "Tour in the United States of America," published in 1784. In this book the writer states that he spent the night with Michael Holt, Jr., that he was a "Dutchman," though "born in this country, the son of German parents." As this book was written by a casual traveller in a strange land, some twelve years after the incidents narrated, we need not expect it to be a cyclopedia of genealogical truth. Later still he states that Michael Holt, Jr., "fought with the British and Tories at Moore's Creek Bridge, and was there taken prisoner," etc. The "Colonial Records" show this to be absolutely untrue. Hence the narrative



in detail is to be discredited. Those who claim that the name of Holt was ever spelled any other way in Orange County make an assertion unsupported by a single record, by any inscription on a tomb, or even by dim uncertain tradition.

The general traditions in the family are to the effect that the Alamance Holts are English, but they belong to the Hazelhurst family in that country, and that this pioneer was a grand-nephew of Sir John Holt, Lord Chief Justice of Great Britain. To such an extent is this relationship credited, that many branches of the family from time immemorial have used the Redgrave Hall coat of arms, with its three fleur-de-lis, which point back to Alsace, whence this branch of the family came to England. While the writer has been unable to verify this tradition definitely in establishing lines of descent, owing to the destruction of records, the unanimity of traditions in widely separated branches of this family may well be given enough credence to enable us to state that the Holts of Alamance are intimately connected with this well-known English branch of the Holt family (VII, 160).

Kemper was of the opinion that the name of Holt was "clearly not German." In writing about the Germans being sued in 1724 by Spotswood in Spotsylvania County, Va., Kemper stated:

The names of eighteen defendants are given in this group of Court Orders, but two of them (Ballenger and Holt) are clearly not German names. The names of the remaining sixteen defendants positively indicate their German origin (p. 364).

The account of Michael Holt, Jr. written by J. F. D. Smyth in A Tour in the United States of America, referred to above, is quoted on pages 61-63. It will be noted that Smyth infers, but does not state specifically that Michael Holt fought with the British at Moore's Creek. The facts are, as noted in the next section, that Michael Holt, Jr. was on his way to Moore's Creek with a company of men, when he had a change of heart. He returned home, was arrested and later imprisoned.

With no intent to minimize the research done by Martin H. Holt, it can be assumed that his work on the first generation of this family covered a relatively short period, judging from excerpts of his letters dated Jan. 19, 26, 31, 1904 (Robert O. Holt, pp. 125-27). Obviously he was not aware of the appearance of Michael Holt in the records of Spotsylvania, Orange and Culpeper Counties, Va.; and probably he had not examined the Will of Michael Holt in the Orange County, N. Car. records, for in the sketch referred to above, Peter was omitted in the list of Michael's children and there was no mention of Michael's wife Elizabeth.



The Will of Michael Holt was recorded in Orange County,  
N. Car. Will Book A, page 76:

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Michael Holt Senr. of Orange County in the province of North Carolina do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking and annulling all former and other will and wills heretofore by me made and first I commend my soul into the hands of my God from whom I received it hereby trusting in his mercy and the merits of our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ for forgiveness of my sins and life everlasting and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors and as to my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof in manner and form following I lend in the first place to my Dearly beloved wife Elizabeth the house and manner plantation whereon I now live and also all other lands and tenements whatsoever and wheresoever belonging or appertaining to me to her use and benefit during the course of her natural life, and I likewise lend unto my wife the use possession and enjoyment of all my negroes movables and other personal estate to her during the course of her natural life and my will is that she do enjoy the same without tell or molestation of any. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Peter after the decease of my said wife the two hundred acres of land whereon I now live including the houses out houses fences and all right and property in anywise appertaining thereto. To hold to my son Peter his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of all my real and personal estate to be equally divided among my children as may be alive at the time of my said wifes decease, share and share alike and I do hereby ordain and appoint my Dear son Michael Holt Junr. and Nicholas Holt Junr. executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of October in the year of our Redemption one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

Michael Holt (SEAL)

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereby set our names and each in the presence of the other -

John Butler

William Carlisle



## Orange November Court 1767

The execution of the within deed was duly proved in open court by the oath of John Butler and was ordered to be recorded.

Test. Francis Nash, C.C.

Children (b. Virginia):

1. Nicholas Holt m. Eva Willheit. Michael Willheit's Will, dated Jan. 1, 1742/3, proved June 26, 1746 Orange County, Va. (Will Bk. 2, pp. 87-88) mentioned daughter Eva, "now married to Nicholaus Hold." On Aug. 21, 1756, Nicholas Holt and wife Eve of Culpeper County, Va. sold 125 acres in Culpeper County to William McDonaugh of Orange County, Va. The tract was "on the south side of the main road . . ." (Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. B, p. 518). See page 10, Deed, Michael and Elizabeth to Nicholas Holt. Nicholas Holt's Will, dated July 5, 1787, proved Orange County, N. Car. (Will Bk. B, p. 17), mentioned among others, wife Eve.
2. John Holt m. Mary ----. On Apr. 14, 1755, John and Mary Holt, Michael and Elizabeth Holt, all of Culpeper County, Va. sold 122½ acres in Culpeper County to Adam Garr of Culpeper County, it being part of the patent granted to Michael Holt on Sept. 28, 1728 (Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. B, p. 287). See page 10, Deed, Michael and Elizabeth to John Holt. On Mar. 20, 1785, John Holt, Sr. and Mary his wife of Orange County, N. Car. deeded 200 acres to John Holt, Jr. (Orange County, N. Car. Deed Bk. 4, p. 214). On Apr. 20, 1796, John Holt and his wife Molly deeded 366 acres to William Holt (Orange County, N. Car. Deed Bk. 5, p. 468). (Lindsey, Robert O. Holt and Offman record the name of John Holt's wife as Elizabeth Babo/Bobo; no references are cited for the statement in any of the three records.)
- \*3. Michael Holt, b. May 6, 1723 (see below).
4. Christopher Holt m. Elizabeth ----. On Nov. 20, 1755, Christopher Holt and his wife Elizabeth of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County, Va. sold 122½ acres in Brumfield Parish to John Harrison of St. Mary's Parish, Caroline County, Va. (Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. B, p. 296). See page 11, Deed, Michael to Christopher Holt. Christopher Holt was taxed in Orange County, N. Car. in 1790. On Nov. 22, 1794, Christopher Holt sold to his son Absalom, both of Orange County, N. Car., 180 acres "being part of a larger tract purchased from Lord Granville by Michael Holt, Sr." (Orange County, N. Car. Deed Bk. 6, p. 305). Christopher Holt was enumerated in Orange County in 1800 as the head of a household, living alone, age "over 45 years" (census records).



5. Peter Holt m. Rachel ----. According to the terms of his father's Will, after the death of his mother, Peter Holt was to inherit their 200 acre plantation. On Dec. 4, 1777, Peter and Rachel Holt of Orange County sold 200 acres to John Holt of Orange County (Orange County, N. Car. Deed Bk. 2, p. 11).

Records compiled by Lindsey, Offman, Martin H. and Robert O. Holt name another son: William, said to have been killed by the Tory Colonel O'Neill.

Another son of Michael Holt may have been George who married Mary Magdalene ----. In 1738, George Sheible of Orange County, Va., for love and affection, gave 78 acres to his grandson George Holt. One of the witnesses to the deed was Michael Holt. Michl. Holt was bondsman for George and Mary Magdalene Holt in 1743. Michl. and George Holt were bondsmen for the Ruckers in 1743. In 1760, George and Mary Magdalene Holt of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County, sold the 78 acres referred to above (Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. D, p. 524). A George Holt appears in the Culpeper County Court Minutes in 1763 as an appraiser and an arbitrator (Prichard, pp. 7, 8, 15, 51). A George Holt died in Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Feb. 11, 1797, proved February, 1798 (Will Bk. C, p. 112) left one-half of his estate to wife Cisse and provided "five pounds to be paid for pailling [fencing] of my grave where my wife now lieth." George Holt also allowed £5 for repairing the meeting house at Joshua Holt's (who was son of Michael Holt, Jr. above).



MICHAEL HOLT<sup>2</sup> (Michael<sup>1</sup>)

m. 1st in Virginia

Elizabeth -----

b. d. after Aug. 21, 1755  
prob. Orange County, N. Car.

Michael Holt m. 2nd about 1765 prob. in Orange County, N. Car.  
(marriage bonds of Orange County 1752-78  
not extant)

Jean Lockhart (dau. of Cathine Lockhart)

b. or 1745 or d. Mar. 8, 1813  
bapt. Aug. 10, 1746 Orange County, N. Car.  
"of Augusta County, Va."

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Holt genealogists, whose records are charted on page 59, agree for the most part on data for Michael Holt and his second wife Jean Lockhart who were the parents of Joshua Holt, the next generation in this compilation.

It will be noted from the chart that four of the compilers record the name of Michael Holt's first wife as Margaret or Peggy O'Neill. It is impossible at this date to determine whether Pastor Offman or Martin H. Holt was the source of this name. In any case, none of the four compilers cited a reference for it. The 1755 Culpeper County, Va. deed abstracted below shows that Michael Holt, Jr.'s first wife was Elizabeth -----.

The lineage chart referred to on page 1 recorded the names of Jean Lockhart's parents as Samuel and Catherine (Bennett) Lockhart; the reference for this statement was Chalkley, III, 313.

The first record found of Michael Holt, Jr. in the Virginia records was a deed dated Sept. 20, 1746 (see p. 10). On that date Michael and Elizabeth Holt of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, by their "Deed of Gift" gave to Michael Holt, Jr. of St. Thomas Parish, Orange County, 125 acres in St. Thomas Parish, it being one-half of a tract Michael Holt had purchased from William Eddings on July 23, 1740. The deed, signed by Michael Holt and Elizabeth Holt, was witnessed by Nicholas Holt, John Holt and John Simpson. Proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Orange County, Va. Deed Bk. 10, p. 446).



On the same day, Sept. 20, 1746, Michael Holt, Jr., John Holt and John Simpson witnessed a deed of gift from Michael and Elizabeth Holt of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, to Nicholas Holt of St. Thomas Parish, Orange County, for 125 acres in St. Thomas Parish (see p. 10). Proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Orange County, Va. Deed Bk. 10, p. 444).

Nicholas Holt, Michael Holt and John Simpson witnessed a deed of gift from Michael and Elizabeth Holt of St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, to John Holt of the same parish, for 122½ acres in St. Mark's Parish (see p. 10). The deed, bearing no date, was proved Sept. 25, 1746 (Orange County, Va. Deed Bk. 10, p. 445).

As noted above, Culpeper County, Va. was cut from Orange County in 1749.

On Aug. 21, 1755, Michael Holt, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of the Parish of Brumfield, Culpeper County, Va. sold to Michael Russell of the same parish and county, 125 acres being part of a 400 acre tract granted to William Edings by patent dated Aug. 25, 1731. The deed, signed by Michael Holt, Jr. and Elizabeth Holt (her mark) was witnessed by Michael Hollt, John Holt (his mark), Nicholas Holt (his mark), Christopher Holt (his mark), and Thomas Stanton. Proved Aug. 21, 1755 (Culpeper County, Va. Deed Bk. B, p. 382).

Michael Holt, Jr. moved his family to Orange County, N. Car. sometime after Aug. 21, 1755. The story of his life, written by Martin H. Holt and published in the Biographical History of North Carolina (VII, 162), is quoted below:

Michael Holt, Jr., came with his father to North Carolina about 1740. He spent the first years of his life learning the blacksmith's trade, and became a very skilled one. Every dollar that he earned he put into land. He had the Midas touch, and by means of his store and shop soon became a prominent landowner, his possession in the south extending as far as Staukin Quarter (Stinking Quarter) Creek, and a long distance in the directions of Hillsboro and Greensboro. In 1760 he took up from the agents of Earl Granville 510 acres of land on the waters of Little Alamance Creek, and built his home on the stage road leading from Hillsboro to Salisbury, where he spent the rest of his life. This land embraced the Dr. Pleasant Holt farm, and part of the Dr. Michael W. Holt's farm, now owned by Thomas C. Foust, one of his great-grandsons, and the intervening land on the Little Alamance. The original survey and deed are the property of Mr. Foust. The home place proper, where he lived and where he lies buried, passed by his will into the hands of his son



William; then to Dr. Pleasant A. Holt; then to Daniel Holt, a great-grandson of Michael Holt's brother John; then to Mr. Rauhut of Burlington, a son-in-law of Daniel Holt. A new road was built in the last century from the Dr. M. W. Holt place to Belmont Mills, and the road by the old homestead has been discontinued.

Michael Holt, by virtue of his strong common sense, business sagacity and sturdy character, was one of the leaders of men in his part of Orange County, and was selected very naturally as one of the king's representatives. He became magistrate by royal appointment, in which capacity he served till the Revolution. He was also appointed captain of militia, which office he held during the troubles with the Regulators.

It is not the purpose of the writer to discuss the abuses which led good citizens to assemble and petition for a redress of grievances, as they had a right to do. But in company with all careful students of history, we must deplore that mob violence as a blot on the fair name of our State, which under the name of Regulators, took the law into its own hands, maltreated good citizens, upset the existing stability of government; and this could have but one righteous and merited rebuke, and that was Alamance. So when on April 8, 1768, one hundred of those rioters rode boldly into Hillsboro and took from the sheriff a horse which had been levied on for taxes, bound the sheriff with ropes, and maltreated other citizens, Lieutenant Colonel John Gray of the Orange County Militia prepared to raise troops to protect officers of the law and the town from future attacks. For this purpose he called a council of the officers under him. Among them was Captain Michael Holt. And while it was impossible to get together many effective men as the result of this conference, Captain Francis Nash, one of the council, said that all the officers behaved with the "utmost loyalty and courage, and to a man could be relied upon to venture their lives and fortunes for the suppression of this lawlessness." (Col. Rec. Vol. VII, pp. 710-712). The stand Michael Holt took with reference to the Regulators, living as he did in their stronghold, is a tribute to his great love of law and order, as well as to his personal courage. For it cost him dear. The hard earnings of years were swept away by incendarism and pillage, but it did not move him from his firm base, nor dull the edge of the sword with which he was ever ready to fight for the restoration of civic order (Letter from Mrs. Marie Holt Foust).

Later still, September 21, 1770, the leaders of the Regulators broke into the Court room at Hillsboro, where Judge Richard Henderson was holding court, did violence



to his person, dragged William Hooper violently through the street, whipped Alexander Martin (later governor), Francis Nash (later general in the Revolutionary army), and Captain Michael Holt, tore to pieces houses of prominent citizens, and wound up with a mock court, which showed not only their utter contempt for law, but also for decency (Col. Rec., Vol. VII, p. 67).

What Michael Holt's attitude was in the war of the Regulators, which occurred a few months later, there can be no doubt; all his sympathies were on the side of Tryon. There is no proof that he took an active part in the war or in the battle of Alamance; but the battle was fought on land owned by him south of the Great Alamance, and the camp, five miles from the battleground, on the Hillsboro road, was also on his land, near Belmont Mills; and after the battle his home, two miles from the camp on the Hillsboro road, was converted into a temporary hospital for the wounded of Tryon's army. If circumstances kept him out of the actual engagement, we may be sure it was not a lack of personal courage, or fear of loss of property, or evidence of a reversion of feeling against the lawless actions of an irresponsible mob. (It is remarkable that to this day the battlefield, the camp, and the home of Michael Holt are in the hands of his descendants and relatives.)

Most of Tryon's officers and sympathizers became ardent patriots during the war of the Revolution, while some of the Regulators were Tories. It is not strange, however, that a man of Michael Holt's temperament, his strong conservatism, his regard for the powers that were, in the interest of which he had lost his property and risked his life, would permit him easily to cut himself loose from his king and ally himself with the American cause. All strong honest characters make up their minds slowly, the stronger, the more slowly. And it seems to have taken Michael Holt some little time to divorce himself from his allegiance to his oath and his king.

And thus it happened that when, on January 10th, 1776, Governor Josiah Martin called upon and commissioned twenty-six men, and among them Michael Holt, of the counties of Cumberland, Anson, Chatham, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Surry and Bute, to set up the royal standard and raise troops "to the support of the laws against the most horrid and unnatural rebellion that threatens the subversion of his Majesty's government," and to march to Brunswick on the lower Cape Fear, Michael Holt heeded the call, set up the king's standard, raised the levy, and started with his men via Cross Creek, where he expected to join McDonald's army (Col. Rec., Vol. X, pp. 441-442).



For some reason satisfactory to himself, before he reached Cross Creek he called his men together, disbanded them, persuaded them to return home, and went back himself to his fireside. What those reasons were may be surmised. It was not on account of any or all the qualities that go to make up the soldier or leader of men. The light perhaps had dawned upon him that loyalty to his own people outweighed his allegiance to his king. Not the least contributory cause was the number of his old enemies, the Regulators, who were flocking to Brunswick at the governor's call, and whose education in the school of lawlessness and violence was bearing fruit on this march in pillage and high-handed robbery of the weak and defenceless. For he is reported to have said in his speech to his men in disbanding them, "I cannot persuade myself to be so loyal to my king as to consort with this crowd" (Letters of Isaac Holt).

In May he was arrested and at Halifax was adjudged guilty of "leading forth to war a company of men" at the call of Governor Martin; and in June thereafter was taken to Philadelphia and imprisoned (Col. Rec., Vol. X, p. 601). In September following, the Council of Safety for the province of North Carolina held its sessions in the town of Salisbury. This committee was composed of Willie Jones, for the congress; James Coor and John Simpson, for New Bern district; Thomas Eaton and Joseph John Williams, for Halifax district; Cornelius Harnett and Samuel Ashe, for Wilmington district; Thomas Person and John Rand, for Hillsboro district; Hezekiah Alexander and William Sharpe, for Salisbury district (Col. Rec., Vol. X, pp. 581-582). On September 9, 1776, we find the following entry in the minutes of the council (Col. Rec., Vol. X, pp. 827-828):

"Read the petition of Michael Holt, late of Orange County at present under confinement in the city of Philadelphia, praying release, etc., also a petition from the committee of said county setting forth that in their opinion the releasement of said Michael Holt would not in anywise injure the cause of liberty in this State.

"This board, taking the said petition into consideration, and having collected all the evidence for and against the said Holt with respect to his march in order to join McDonald's army, find many circumstances in his favor, inasmuch when he was fully acquainted with the intention of the Tories he did actually return home, and was the means of inducing a number of others to follow his example without a junction with the Scotch army.

"RESOLVED, That he be recommended to the Continental Congress as an object of compassion, and that the delegates for this State use their utmost



endeavor to get him discharged from his present imprisonment in order that he may return home to his family, he first taking an oath to this State, a copy of which is ordered to be enclosed to said delegates."

As soon as this petition got before the Continental Congress, Michael Holt was released, and returned to recuperate his broken fortunes. That his opinions had undergone a change, is evidenced by the fact that while he did not go actually into the field for the American cause, in his sympathies he was with his home country. He gave freely of his means to the impoverished coffers of the colonies, and just before the battle of Guilford Court House, sent a drove of fat cattle into the needy camp of General Greene (Letters of Isaac Holt).

Michael Holt was married twice. His first wife was Margaret O'Neill, the daughter of a well-to-do Irish family on an adjoining plantation, and a sister of the well-known Tory of that name. By her he had three children, one son and two daughters, Joseph, who moved to Kentucky and became the progenitor of a prominent family; Elizabeth, who married Tobias Smith, family disappeared; and Margaret, who married a Mr. Powell, whose family has also disappeared. Margaret O'Neill died about 1765. In 1767 he married Jean Lockhart, belonging to a prominent Scotch family (descended from Sir Simon Lockhart) which had come into this State from Virginia, and settled near Hillsboro. She is said to have been a woman of rare beauty, as well as of strong common sense. She survived her husband several years, dying in 1813. By her Michael Holt had seven children, four sons and three daughters. . . .

Michael Holt (second) was about five feet ten inches tall, and weighed about two hundred and twenty-five pounds. He was very dark, so much so that his German neighbors called him "Black Michael". Many a jest was made at his expense on account of his complexion. A neighbor wit, seeing him carry an umbrella to keep off the sunshine, said "Hello, Mike, carrying an umbrella to protect the Devil's leather?" Smyth, in his "Tour of the United States of America," as full as it is of errors, says that Mr. Michael Holt entertained him "with great hospitality", that he "possesses considerable property, and has a large share of good sense and sound judgment, though lacking in the polish of education and travel; that in the conversation he entertained me and afforded me a good deal of satisfaction and information by his sensible, blunt and shrewd remarks on every subject."

Michael Holt's will is a model in the scrupulous care he took to treat his children with absolute fairness.



He was wise enough to give them the largest portion of their patrimony while he was living. But the remaining property he bequeathed with as much exactness as if he had been distributing millions. To each of the sons and daughters "One negro man, one negro woman (names given), one horse, one cow, one calf, one feather bed and furniture."

Michael Holt was a faithful friend. His friendship once obtained lasted through adverse conditions no less than under auspicious skies. He stood ever ready to respond to the needs of those he loved, with open purse as well as open heart. Fidelity to friends has always been a characteristic of great, earnest, honest souls; and Michael Holt was no exception to the rule. Many traditions are preserved in the family proving this fidelity. Among his true and tried friends was Judge Richard Henderson, a relative of Hon. John S. Henderson of Salisbury. He and Judge Henderson had together suffered at the hands of the Regulators, and this had not tended to weaken this mutual good will.

We know but little about his religious character. He and his wife attended the Lutheran Church nearby, although she was a Presbyterian, and he perhaps an Episcopalian. Of his rugged honesty and deep earnestness, there are many traditions; and there are good reasons to suppose that he was not without religious convictions of equal sincerity. Strict attention to his business, which he conducted according to the Golden Rule, brought him wealth, and at the same time surrounded him with a host of friends.

He died in 1799, at the age of seventy-six, full of years and honors, and was buried according to the custom of the day on his home farm, in the family burial plot. On his left sleeps Margaret O'Neill, and on the right Jean Lockhart. At his head stands a plain soapstone slab on which his name and dates of birth and death are inscribed. Below that are these lines:

Remember, man, as you pass by,  
As you are now so once was I.  
As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for death and follow me.

Michael Holt was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Stockard, p. 123). This church is located in what is now Alamance County on the Old Trading Path about two miles east of the Alamance Battle Grounds. The following history of the church was furnished by the Rev. F. L. Conrad, President of the North Carolina Synod, United Lutheran Church in America:



It is not definitely known when this church was organized; however, Dr. R. D. W. Conor says in this three-volume history of North Carolina that there were Lutheran churches on Haw River in 1745, but whether this was one of them or not, we cannot tell. History speaks of itinerant ministers preaching here from 1759 to 1764. Prof. J. B. Robertson, who was a son of this church says it was organized not later than 1773 or maybe earlier. It is believed that the first church was a union church with the German Reformed up to about 1800. . . . According to the minutes of the North Carolina Synod in 1839, we feel that 1770 is the earliest documented date for the organization of the church and this is the date used on the cornerstone of the fourth and present building.

The first building was a log structure built in or before 1789 and was located several hundred feet east of the present building. According to the history prepared by Prof. J. B. Robertson, St. Paul's first church was dedicated the third Sunday in September of 1789. It was described as a new church in an old established, Lutheran community. Records disclose that the first church was named Graves Lutheran Church when the land, a tract of some 60 acres, was owned by the Graves family. . . . The name was changed from Graves to St. Paul's in 1839.

Cathine Lockhart, in her Will dated Aug. 24, 1786 (pro. Orange County, N. Car., November, 1792), made a bequest to her daughter Jean Holt. The Will is copied on page 64.

Michael Holt, in his Will dated Jan. 23, 1798 (pro. August 1799), made bequests to Joseph Holt, Margaret Powell and Elizabeth Smith, "children by my first wife"; daughters Sarah Hardin, Mary Thompson, and Katherine Holt, sons Joshua Holt, Isaac Holt, Michael Holt, William Holt, and wife Jean Holt:

State of North Carolina  
Orange County

In the name of God Amen. I Michael Holt of the said State and County being advanced in age and infirm but of perfect memory thanks be unto God but calling to mind the uncertainty of my life and that it is appointed for all men once to die and therefore such property or estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form viz

First it is my will and desire that my loving wife shall have the use or service of one negroe man by the name Tom the younger as also one negroe girl by the name of Barbra and also two horses as she may choose from



the stock. Also one waggon, two cows and such household furniture as she may point out and apply to her use and further it is my will and desire that my said wife shall live and occupy my dwelling house on the manor plantation during her natural life and enjoy all the above named property without molestation and at her death said property to be applied as hereafter directed.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving son, Joseph Holt fifty dollars to be raised out of my estate and to be paid unto the said Joseph by my executor hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter, Margaret Powell ten dollars to be paid to her or her heirs by my executors. Forty dollars being advanced and paid by me heretofore which makes an equivalent sum with my son Joseph as above.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter, Elizabeth Smith ten dollars to be paid unto her or her heirs by my executors. Forty dollars being advanced and paid by me heretofore and in consequence thereof make an equal dividend to my first children by my first wife.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Sarah Hardin one negroe fellow by the name of Lewis and one negroe wench by the name of Bell? with her increase unto the said Sarah her heirs & assigns forever. Also such articles as have been delivered heretofore I give and bequeath unto the said Sarah viz one horse one cow & calf one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving son Joshua Holt one negroe fellow by the name of Adam also one negroe girl by the name of Heaster with her increase unto the said Joshua his heirs and assigns forever. Also the following articles heretofore delivered viz one horse one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture I give and bequeath to my said son Joshua his heirs &c as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving son Isaac Holt one negroe fellow by the name of Abram also one negroe girl by the name of Bess with her increase unto the said Isaac His Heirs and assigns forever and further I give and bequeath the following articles heretofore delivered viz one horse one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture unto him, the said Isaac his heirs &c as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter, Mary Thompson one negroe girl by the name of Rachel with



her increase also one negroe boy by the name of Ambrose unto the said Mary Her Heirs and assigns forever and further I give and bequeath the following articles here-to fore delivered viz one mare one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture unto the said Mary her Heirs &c as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter, Katherine Holt one negroe wench by the name of Sarah also one negroe girl by the name of Ann with their increase unto the said Katherine Her Heirs and assigns forever as also the following articles heretofore delivered viz one horse one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture I give and bequeath the same to my said daughter Katherine Her Heirs &c as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving son Michael Holt one negroe fellow by the name of Charles also one negroe girl by the name of Mary with her increase unto the said Michael his Heirs and assigns forever as also the following articles heretofore delivered viz one horse one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture I give and bequeath the same to my said son Michael his Heirs &c as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving son William Holt the Manor Plantation whereon I now live containing Four Hundred & Thirty acres (reserving the use of the house and so much of the land as my loving wife Jean may think sufficient for her cultivation and support during her natural life) and at Her death it is my will and desire that my Son William shall inherit the said plantation and further I give and bequeath unto my said son William one Negroe Boy by the name of Jerry and one Negroe wench by the name of Suke with her increase and the plantation as above mentioned at the death of my loving wife Jean unto him the said William His Heirs and assigns forever. Also one set of Blacksmith Tools one young Mare one cow & calf one feather bed and furniture and my will and desire is that each and every article mentioned in favour of my loving wife which she is to possess and enjoy during her life is hereby given and bequeathed to my Son William at Her death.

Item. I hereby declare it to be my will and desire that what of my stock there may be at my death and not herein bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst my children herein named viz Sarah Hardin, Joshua Holt, Isaac Holt, Mary Thompson, Catherine Holt, Michael Holt and William Holt, and that the word stock may be fully understood I hereby say Horses Cattle Sheep and Hogs and it is further my will and desire that whatever Negroes I may have at my death and not herein bequeathed it is my will and desire that they shall be valued by



by executors as afterwards named or that they appoint good and respectable men in the neighbourhood to place a value thereon and my above named seven children as last mentioned to draw whether they will give so much money or take said Negroes agreeable to the said valuation.

Item. It is my will and desire that my loving wife Jean be my Executrix and that my loving sons Joshua and Isaac Holt should act as my Executors to this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all and every other will heretofore made by me. Declaring this and this only to be my last will and testament.

In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of Janry 1798.

Signed Sealed pronounced  
and declared by the said  
Michael Holt as His Last Will and  
Testament in presence of us.

Test J. Scott  
Wm. Rainey  
John Holt

Michael Holt

August Term, 1799

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament of Michael Holt, deceased, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of J. Scott and Wm. Rainey, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded at the same time. Jean Holt, Executrix, and Joshua and Isaac Holt, Executors, therein named, qualified accordingly (Will Bk. C, p. 149).

Data on the children of Michael Holt, below, were compiled from the records of Martin H. and Robert O. Holt, Lindsey, Offman, Durrie, Shields, and marriage records of Orange County, N. Car.

Children by 1st marriage:

1. Joseph Holt m. ----- Moved to Kentucky; was the ancestor of Joseph Holt, Judge Advocate General under President Lincoln.
2. Margaret Holt m. ----- Powell. John Powell's line was mentioned in deeds made by Peter and Rachel Holt, 1777, John and Mary Holt, 1785, and he witnessed the latter deed (Orange County, N. Car. Deeds, Bk. 2, p. 11, Bk. 4, p. 214). John Powell witnessed a deed, 1797, between Garrett and John Holt, Jr. (Deed Bk. 6, p. 112). The Will of a John Powel, dated Aug. 7, 1802, proved November,



1802 (Orange County, N. Car. Will Bk. D, p. 80) mentions wife Margaret, sons Oliver and Josiah, daughter Mary.

3. Elizabeth Holt m. Tobias Smith.

Children by 2nd marriage (b. Orange County, N. Car.):

4. Sarah Holt b. prob. ca. 1766, d. 1814, Orange County, N. Car. Her Will dated Sept. 20, 1814 was proved November, 1814 (Will Bk. D, p. 418). Sarah Holt m. Dec. 14, 1783, Orange County, N. Car., John Hardin, d. 1808, Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Oct. 24, 1807 was proved August, 1808 (Will Bk. D, p. 235). The Hardins lived one-half mile south of where Graham now stands.
- \*5. Joshua Holt b. Nov. 3, 1768 (see below).
6. Isaac Lockhart Holt b. Sept. 21, 1773, d. Nov. 27, 1823, Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Dec. 15, 1820 was proved November, 1823 (Will Bk. E, p. 42). Isaac Holt m. 1st Apr. 30, 1795, Orange County, N. Car., Letitia Wale Scott, b. July 8, 1777, d. Dec. 2, 1812. Isaac Holt m. 2nd Mary (Polly) Blair who, after Isaac Holt's death, became the fourth wife of Seymour Puryear. Isaac Holt was a prosperous and successful mechanic, farmer, merchant, landowner, and slave-holder; he lived on the Salisbury and Hillsboro road, near the Alamance battleground.
7. Mary (Polly) Holt, d. 1847, m. Jan. 29, 1787, Orange County, N. Car., Anthony Thompson, d. 1836, Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Aug. 5, 1824 was proved August, 1836 (Will Bk. E, p. 396). The Thompsons lived on the Salisbury and Hillsboro road.
8. Katherine (Kitty) Holt d. 1858, Tennessee, m. July 22, 1790, Orange County, N. Car., her first cousin, William Holt, son of John Holt<sup>2</sup>. They moved to Tennessee about 1810.
9. Michael Holt b. July 11, 1778, d. Apr. 20, 1842, Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Jan. 20, 1842 was proved May, 1842 (Will Bk. F, p. 126). Michael Holt m. Oct. 6, 1797, Orange County, N. Car., Rachel Rainey b. Mar. 6, 1778, d. October, 1839. Michael Holt was a man of much influence. As a farmer he was progressive and successful. He was a representative from Orange County in the lower house in 1804, and in the senate 1820 and 1821. He lived on the Salisbury and Hillsboro road.
10. William Holt b. July 9, 1780, d. Nov. 9, 1846, Orange County, N. Car. His Will dated Apr. 20, 1846 was proved November, 1846 (Will Bk. F, p. 306). William Holt m. Jan. 6, 1805, Orange County, N. Car., Sarah (Sallie) Steele, b. Apr. 6, 1786, d. 1843. William Holt lived and died at the old homestead. He represented his county in the General Assembly one term and was a man of great force.



JOSHUA HOLT<sup>3</sup> (Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

m. (marriage date not located;  
1st child b. ca. 1791, Orange County, N. Car.)

Eleanor C. -----

\*year altered from tombstone inscription, copied as 1832.

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Birth and death dates of Joshua and Eleanor Holt were copied from their tombstones on Sept. 27, 1925 by Fred Holt of Springfield, Mo. when he was on a trip to Bedford County, Tenn. with his parents. Fred Holt, a great-great-grandson of Joshua and Eleanor Holt, took photographs of these tombstones at the Holt Camp Ground in Bedford County and later mounted them in his 12-page typewritten account of the vacation, which he entitled "Our Tennessee Trip." The Holt Camp Ground Cemetery is located at the Center Methodist Episcopal Church, seven miles south of Shelbyville on the Center dirt road.

Holt descendants can be grateful to Fred Holt for recording these dates. "Bedford County Bible, Family and Tombstone records," copied under the Works Progress Administration, include 71 inscriptions from the Holt Camp Ground, "25 graves marked with field stones and 5 illegible" (copied June 30, 1939 by Mrs. Sara Jones of Wartrace, Tenn.). The names of Joshua and Eleanor Holt were not included in that record found at the Tennessee State Library in Nashville.

A birthdate of Nov. 3, 1765 was recorded for Joshua Holt on family genealogy sheets laid out by Adam Clark Holt (1847-1938), great-grandson of Joshua Holt; these records are now in possession of Adam Clark Holt's son, Joseph S. Holt of Blythe, Calif.

An effort was made, without success, to locate the marriage record of Joshua Holt and Eleanor C. ----- in Orange County, N. Car. and adjoining counties of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Caswell, Granville, Wake and Chatham.

The earliest reference to Joshua Holt found in the Orange County, N. Car. records was dated July 5, 1787 when he witnessed the Will of Nicholas Holt (Will Bk. B, p. 17; Shields).



The 1790 tax-list of Orange County, a substitute for the first county census which was lost, lists Joshua Holt in St. Asaph's District, paying taxes on 200 acres, 1 white poll and 1 black poll.

1791, May 25 - Joshua Holt and Anthony Thompson witnessed a deed between Michael and Jane Holt, and William Holt, all of Orange County (Deed Bk. 4, p. 572).

1792, Feb. 4 - Michael Holt and his wife Jane/Jean conveyed to Joshuah Holt, all of Orange County, 220 acres on the south side of the Great Alamance, adjoining Ludwick Albright. John Graves, George Friddle. Witnesses: William Holt, Antony Thompson (his mark). Proved May Court, 1792 (Deed Bk. 4, p. 574).

1793, Jan. 8 - Joshua Holt and Michael Holt, Jr. witnessed a deed between Michael and Jane Holt, and Isaac Holt, all of Orange County (Deed Bk. 5, p. 97).

1794, July 9 - Joshua Holt witnessed a bill of sale from Henry White to Adam Smith for a negro (Will Bk. B, p. 294; Shields).

1794, Nov. 21 - Joshua Holt, William Holt and John Haiden? witnessed a deed between Michael Holt, Sr. and his wife Jane, and Michael Holt, Jr. Joshua Holt's line was mentioned in the land description (Deed Bk. 5, p. 390).

1796, Mar. 11 - George Friddle and his wife Mary conveyed to Joshua Holt, all of Orange County, 10 acres on the waters of the Great Alamance. Consideration, \$10.00. Witnesses: Peter Smith, John Efland. Proved May Court, 1797 (Deed Bk. 5, p. 788).

The Will of George Holt, dated Feb. 11, 1797, allowed £5 for "repairing the meeting house at Joshua Holt's" (Will Bk. C, p. 112; Shields).

Michael Holt, in his Will dated Jan. 23, 1798, made the following provision for his son Joshua:

I give and bequeath unto my loving son Joshua Holt one negro fellow by the name of Adam also one negroe girl by the name of Heaster and her increase unto the said Joshua his heirs and assigns forever. Also the following articles heretofore delivered viz one horse one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture I give and bequeath to my said son Joshua his heirs &c as aforesaid.

Further,

It is my will and desire that my loving wife Jean be my Executrix and that my loving sons Joshua and Isaac Holt



should act as my Executors to this my last will and testament . . .

Michael Holt's Will was proved at the August, 1799 Orange County Court; "Jean Holt, Executrix, and Joshua and Isaac Holt, Executors, therein named, qualified accordingly" (Will Bk. C, p. 149).

The family of Joshua Holt was enumerated in the 1800 census of Orange County, N. Car.:

Males: 4 - under 10	Females: 2 - under 10
1 - over 26, under 45	1 - over 26, under 45

Joshua Holt owned five slaves.

1802, Nov. 12 - Gerald Burrow of Guilford County, N. Car. conveyed to his friend Joshua Holt of Orange County, for love and affection and other good causes, one-half of all sums recovered by Joshua Holt, his attorney, from Dodson Burrow. Proved February Court, 1803 (Deed Bk. 10, p. 258).

1804, Aug. 23 - Joshua Holt of Orange County bought from John Efland of Orange County, 130 acres on the waters of Stinking Quarter (Creek), adjoining George Friddle, Jacob Graves, Ludwick Albright. Consideration: £337, 10 sh. Witnesses: Michael Holt, Jacob Rich. Proved August Court, 1805 (Deed Bk. 12, p. 21).

In November, 1804, Joshua Holt, J. Scott and J'se? Hall signed a document - Division of the negroes in the Estate of Richard Cochran to Mrs. Turner, the widow of Richard Cochran, and his daughter Polly Dilhu Cockran (Will Bk. D, p. 141; Shields, p. 23).

1805, Dec. 2 - The State of North Carolina granted to Joshua Holt (Grant No. 1374) 16 acres on the waters of Haw River, adjoining George Friddle, Ludwick Albright, and his own land (Deed Bk. 12, p. 51).

1809, July 19 - Joshua Holt of Orange County, N. Car. bought 2,000 acres in Tennessee, at \$1.00 an acre, from George Keith Taylor, attorney for Mary Parker, "late of The Town of Petersburgh and Common Wealth of Virginia now of Nevenham in the Shire of Gloucester and that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britton called England." The tract lay on the south side of Duck River and on the east side of Sugarcreek (recorded Jan. 28, 1811, Bedford County, Tenn. Deed Bk. B, p. 446; re-recorded in Bk. C, p. 115). This tract, granted "under the Great Seal of North Carolina" in 1788 to Robert McCameck, was sold in 1795 to Hugh Hunter of Petersburg, Va. Hunter assigned his interest in the property in 1796 to Elias Parker. By Parker's Will dated 1798, his interest was divested in his wife Mary, who sold the tract to Joshua Holt.



1810, Sept. 12 - Joshua Holt of Orange County conveyed to Michael Holt of Orange County, 130 acres on the waters of Stinking Quarter Creek in Orange County, adjoining the land of George Friddle, deceased, Jacob Graves, Ludwick Albright. Witnesses: William Holt, Jacob Anthony. Proved August Court, 1811 (Deed Bk. 13, p. 567).

1810, Sept. 12 - Joshua Holt of Orange County conveyed to Michael Holt of Orange County, 16 acres on the waters of Haw River in Orange County, adjoining George Friddle, Ludwick Albright, and his own lands. Consideration, \$50.00. Witnesses: William Holt, Jacob Anthony. Proved August Court, 1811 (Deed Bk. 13, p. 573).

Joshua Holt moved his family from Orange County, N. Car. to Bedford County, Tenn. between Sept. 12, 1810 and June 8, 1816. The family was not found in the 1810 census of Orange County; the 1810 Bedford County census is not extant.

On June 8, 1816, Malcum Gilchrist of Maury County, Tenn. sold 427 acres at \$2.00 an acre to Joshua Holt of Bedford County. The land was located in Bedford County on the waters of Big Flat Creek, "a south branch of Duck River," and had been patented to Gilchrist in two Tennessee grants (Nos. 7198, 7202). Witnesses: Duncan Gilchrist, Archabald Gilchrist. Proved July 25, 1816 (Bedford County, Tenn. Deed Bk. G, p. 167).

One of the early mills in Bedford County was built by Joshua Holt. His mill, water-powered, was near Flat Creek (History of Tennessee, p. 863).

1816, Sept. 20 - Joshua Holt of Bedford County conveyed to Michael Holt of Orange County, N. Car. for \$2,160.00, 250 acres on the Great Alamance in Orange County, adjoining Ludwick Albright. Witnesses: William Holt, Joel C. Yancey. Proved Oct. 16, 1816 (Orange County, N. Car. Deed Bk. 15, p. 316).

1818, Oct. 24 - Ephram Burrow of Bedford County, for \$2.00, conveyed to Philip Burrow, Joshua Holt, John McNatt, Thomas Jones, and Solomon Burrow, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1 acre, 20 poles, "beginning north east of Pleasant Garden Meeting House . . ." Witnesses: Banks M. Burrow, Ishmael? Burrow. Proved Apr. 17, 1819 (Deed Bk. K, p. 328). In a letter dated Sept. 20, 1961, Benjamin L. Burdette, M.D., historian of Shelbyville, Tenn. wrote, "It is believed that this church was in Singleton or between Singleton and Flat Creek in Bedford County."

The family of Joshua Holt was enumerated in the 1820 census of Bedford County (Houston, p. 16):



Males: 1 - 10-16  
 1 - 16-18  
 2 - 16-26  
 1 - over 45

Females: 1 - 10-16  
 1 - 26-45  
 1 - over 45

1821, Dec. 1 - Joseph Glover of Bedford County sold 200 acres on Big Flat Creek, for \$10.00 an acre, to Joshua Holt of Bedford County. Witnesses: H. B. Holt, Philip Thompson, Simon Nease. Proved July 12, 1822 (Deed Bk. O, p. 412).

1821, Dec. 1 - Joshua Holt sold 200 acres on the waters of Big Flat Creek to Joseph Glover. Consideration, \$1,500.00. Witnesses: N. B. Holt, Philip Thompson, Simeon Nease. Proved Oct. 16, 1822 (Deed Bk. P, p. 148).

Joshua Holt represented Bedford County in the House of Representatives in 1821, the 14th General Assembly, and again in 1823, the 15th General Assembly (Journal of the House of Representatives, 1821, p. 4; 1823, p. 4).

1825, May 18 - Joshua Holt received a grant (No. 1370) for 96 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres on the waters of Big Flat Creek, a branch of Duck River, adjoining "a two thousand acre tract of land granted to Robert McCamey? now the property of Joshua Holt." Joshua Holt paid 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents an acre for the tract "pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of said state, passed on the 22d day of November, 1823" (Middle Tennessee Land Grant Bk. 2, p. 608).

1827, Aug. 6 - Daniel Gilchrist of Bedford County conveyed 130 acres to Joshua Holt, Joseph Steel and Samuel Philips, "Commissioners of the Poor House of Bedford County." Consideration, \$475.00. Witnesses: Wm. Gilchrist, James Hutton. Proved Aug. 18, 1827 (Deed Bk. Y, p. 114).

1829, May 15 - Samson Nease of Bedford County, indebted to Joshua Holt "in the sum of something near four hundred dollars by sundry notes," secured the debt with "a negro girl slave named Anaka, one sorrel mare and colt, two beds and furniture, one cow & calf - sundry articles of cupboard and kitchen furniture &c." Witnesses: Jacob Greer, H. F. Holt. Proved Feb. 12, 1830 (Deed Bk. AA, p. 445).

The family of Joshua Holt was enumerated in the 1830 census of Bedford County: 1 male, age 60-70; 1 female, age 60-70.

1831, Feb. 12 - Joseph Glover of Bedford County sold 173 acres on Big Flat Creek to Joshua Holt of Bedford County. Consideration: \$1,000.00. Witnesses: Michael Holt, Hiram F. Holt, John J. Glover. Proved May 10, 1831 (Deed Bk. BB, p. 309).



After Joshua Holt's death in 1839, Eleanor Holt was enumerated as the head of a household in the 1840 census of Bedford County, living next to Herrod F. Holt. Eleanor Holt's household consisted of two females, one 70-80 years of age, one 50-60 years of age, and six slaves.

When the 1850 census was taken in Bedford County, Eleanor Holt was again listed as the head of a household (family 108-108, Civil District 22). Her age was recorded as 86, birthplace - North Carolina. Living with Eleanor Holt was Jane Eddy, a 13-year old girl born in Tennessee. H. F. and Elizabeth Holt (age 41 and 37, born in North Carolina) were enumerated as family 107-107. Eleanor Holt was shown as the owner of five slaves in the Slaveowners Schedule of the 1850 census.

Excerpts from Bedford County, Tenn. County Court Minutes 1852-1855, not destroyed in the courthouse fire of March, 1863, are copied below because of their interest and importance to Holt family records:

January, 1853:

HEROD F. HOLT & JORDAN C. HOLT      )  
Executors of JOSHUA HOLT Dec.      ) Decree

Be it remembered that this cause came on to be heard, and was heard this 3d day of January 1853, before the Worshipful County Court of Bedford County, Justices Steele, Hastings & Wood presiding, upon the petition of the petitioners, which is sworn to. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Joshua Holt is dead, that he made & published his last Will and Testament before his death, which was duly proven after his death, in which he appointed Jordan C. Holt & Herod F. Holt his executors, that they were duly qualified as such and entered upon the discharge of their dities as such, That Joshua Holt devised the slaves David, Adam, Sarah, Penny, Simon, Hester and Charles to his widow Eleanor Holt, during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst his children. And that Eleanor Holt is now dead, as well as two of said slaves, to wit- Adam & Sarah, and that it is absolutely necessary to sell said remaining slaves, so as to divide them equally amongst the children of Joshua Holt in pursuance of the bequest in said Will. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Herod F. Holt & Jordan C. Holt be appointed commissioners to sell said slaves that they sell them on a credit of twelve months (except the sum of fifty dollars to pay costs, First giving ten days notice of the time and place of sale, taking bond and good security for the purchase money, and report their proceedings to some subsequent term of the Court, until



which time all matters not herein disposed of are reserved.

Court adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'clock A.M.

P. C. Steele  
Herod F. Holt  
Jos. Hastings  
(p. 25; Jones, pp. 19-20).

February, 1853:

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On this day Jordan C. Holt One of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of Joshua Holt dec. relinquished his Executorship in said Will which was rec. by the Court (p. 32; Jones, p. 25).

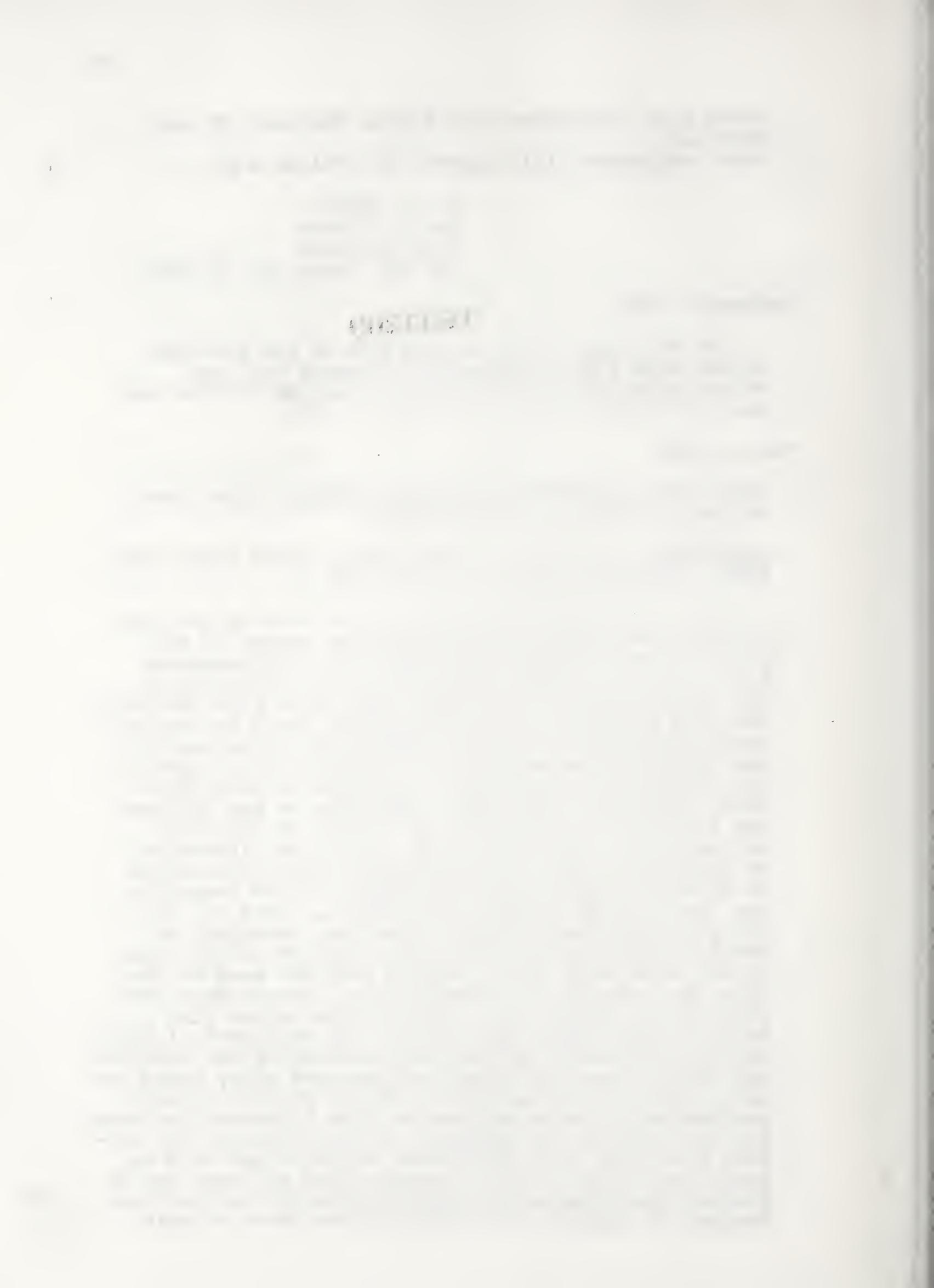
March, 1853:

JAMES EDDE, JAMES HASTINGS & wife ELLEN, SILAS PRATT and wife PATIENCE and HIRAM EDDE )

vs

HIRAM EDDE, JANE EDDE, FRANCIS EDDE, MINOS EDDE, NANCY EDDE, ELIZABETH EDDE and CANDIS EDDE )

Be it remembered that this cause came on for hearing upon the equity reserved and the report of the Clerk & Com. of this Court which not being excepted to, is in all things confirmed, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Hiram Edde purchased the land mentioned in the pleadings, which is situate, lying and being in Bedford County and is the tract of land mentioned in the Will of Joshua Holt, or given to his daughter Candis Johnson, the wife of said Hiram Edde, during her life time, remainder to her children and is bounded as follows, as set out in said Will agreeably to a part of survey, except an alteration he (said Holt) made when the line strikes the branch at Michael's field, up the meanders of the branch to the line he made between the place he lived on, and the place she (said Candis) lived on, Straight, a South W. direction to the little orchard on the road, on the South side of it, thence down the road to the line, he once run for Joseph Glover, thence East with that line to Hix's line, thence North as per plat And that said Hiram Edde bid off all that part of said tract, lying South of the road, containing one hundred and thirty acres at fifteen dollars and sixty cents per acre, and all that part North of the road containing two hundred acres at sixteen dollars & twenty five cents per acre, making an aggregate of five thousand two hundred & seventy eight dollars of which he has paid to the Clerk & Com. in cash, seventy five dollars, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court one Benjamin F. Wiggins has taken off the hands of said



Hiram Edde, thirty three acres of the same off of the South end, the South boundary of which is to be the South boundary of the tract as fixed by the will of said Joshua Holt, . . . and it is further ordered that complainants solicitors be paid out of the shares of Complainants, the sum of fifty dollars, which is considered by the Court to be reasonable fees for their services in this and the Supreme Court (pp. 57-58; Jones, pp. 44-45).

April, 1853:

HEROD F. HOLT,  
Ex parte Petition to sell Slaves ) Final Decree

Be it remembered that this cause came on for final hearing and was heard this 4th day of April 1853, before the worshipful County Court, upon the proceedings heretofore had in this cause, and the report of the Commissioner heretofore appointed to sell said slaves, which report is in the words and figures following.

HEROD F. HOLT  
Executor of JOSHUA HOLT Dec. ) Court Report  
Ex parte Petition to Sell Slaves

The undersigned who was appointed a commissioner to sell the slaves belonging to the Estate of Joshua Holt dec. begs leave to make the following report.

That after giving the regular notice as required by said decree, I proceeded at public sale, and offered the said slaves to the highest bidder on a twelve months credit, when and where,

1 Simon was bid off by Joshua Holt the 4th	\$1199.50
2 Charles was bid off by Michael Holt Sen.	1200.00
3 David was bid off by Joshua Holt	900.00
4 Hetty was bid off by James Smith	91.00
5 Penny was bid off by James L. Phillips	202.00
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	\$3592.50

Which several bids being the best that was made, the said slaves were sold to them, and the several purchasers gave their Bond for, and secured the payment of the purchase money, All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. Holt Commissioner  
(pp. 72-73; Jones, p. 55).

Copied below are excerpts from "Our Tennessee Trip," written by Fred Holt in 1925:



The valley in which the Holts settled was known as the "Rich Valley" and is considered one of the richest valleys in that section of the state. Fine old colonial mansions were erected by the Holts, being surrounded by cabins of the slaves.

We next go to the Holt Camp Ground, known for miles around as an early meeting place where camp meetings were held yearly that would last for a period of four to six weeks. At this place the older Holts were buried, a cemetery located on a knoll with fine old birch and cedar trees surrounding it. Well kept too, considering that it was established over a hundred years ago, and few new graves are in it. On the left [photograph] the stone at father's right is that of my great, great grandfather Joshua Holt, born in Orange County, N. C. Nov. 3, 1768, died Oct. 20, 1839. Settled in Tennessee 1812. At father's right the grave of my great, great grandmother born April 6, 1763, died Dec. 24, 1832, Eleanor C. Holt. . . .

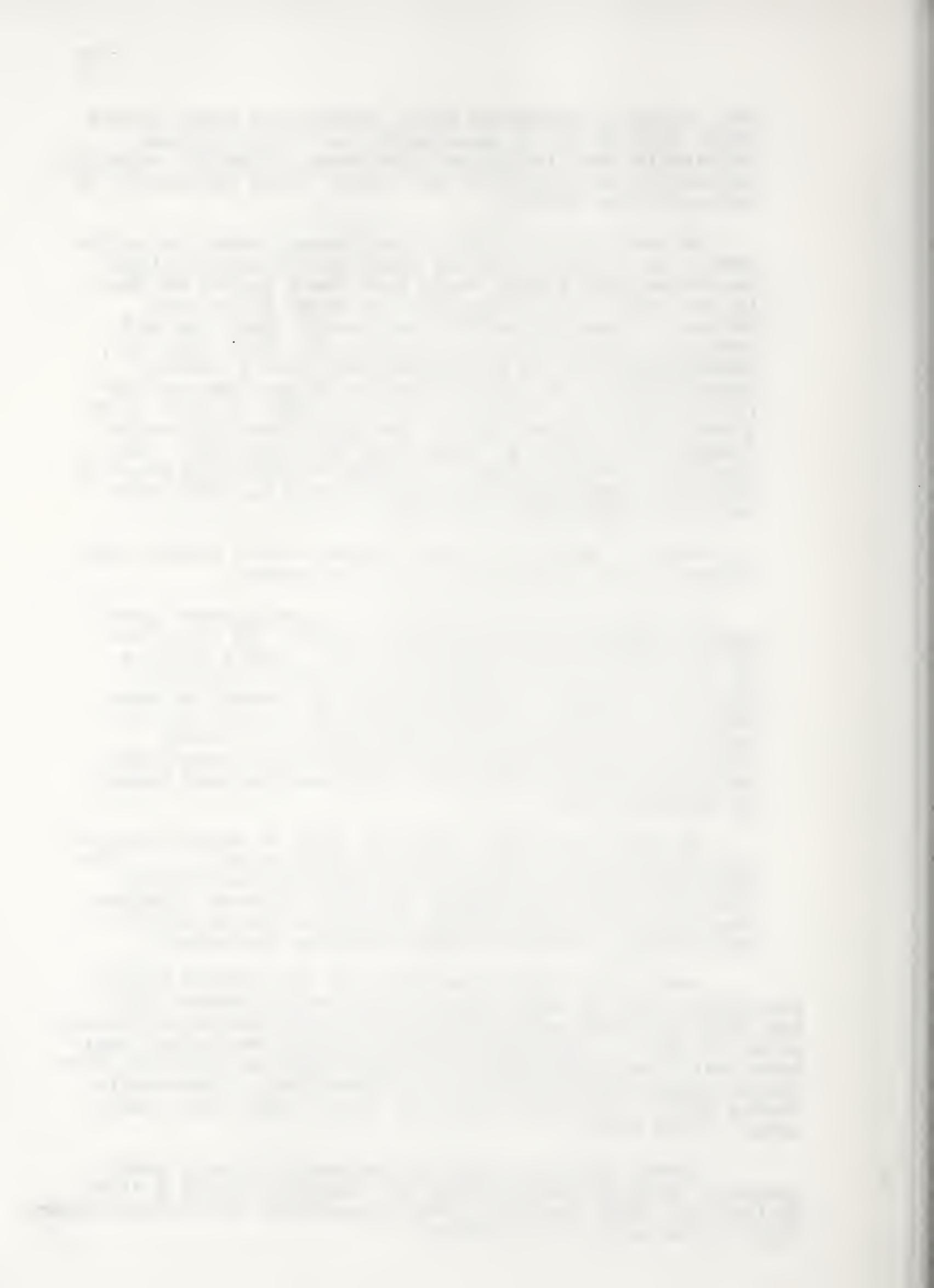
Many of the graves were covered with a marble slab warped by the rains and sun of many years.

We next go to the place that my great great grandfather Joshua Holt settled on in 1812. We visit the old spring that never goes dry, also take a picture of the old original chimney that stands in perfect plumb and as good as when built. The house has been repaired somewhat, but on the inside we find the old hand carved stairway, and beam ceilings. Father locates the place where the old pear tree stood, and where the quince tree stood. He recalled many things of interest here.

We start for home. Memories full of olden days and the relatives that have meant so much to us. . . . The Holts of Tennessee were of the most honored and respected of its citizenship, and that without disagreement of all who knew them, above reproach in character and morals, and all of high Christian character.

Among the records destroyed in the Bedford County courthouse fire of 1863 were the deed books between 1852 and 1858, all marriage records and most of the Wills recorded prior to 1861. County Court Minutes which were saved indicate that Joshua Holt left a Will in which he named his wife Eleanor, and a daughter Candis Johnson Edde. Undoubtedly, Joshua Holt's Will which was lost in the 1863 fire, named other of his heirs.

George Holt (b. 1870) of Marionville, Mo., great-grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>3</sup>, told the compiler during a visit on Oct. 28, 1960, that his great-grandfather Holt distributed 1,300 acres among his children.



Children assigned to Joshua Holt<sup>3</sup> by four North Carolina compilers do not include a son Joshua (see p. 65). Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup> was added to the list of children on the strength of records in the families of the following descendants:

James Hiram Holt (1860-1931), grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>

Fred Holt (son of James Hiram Holt) of Springfield, Mo.

George Washington Holt of Marionville, Mo., grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>

Herod Michael Simpson of Holliday, Tex., great-grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>

Arle Clinton Holt of Mesa, Ariz., great-grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>

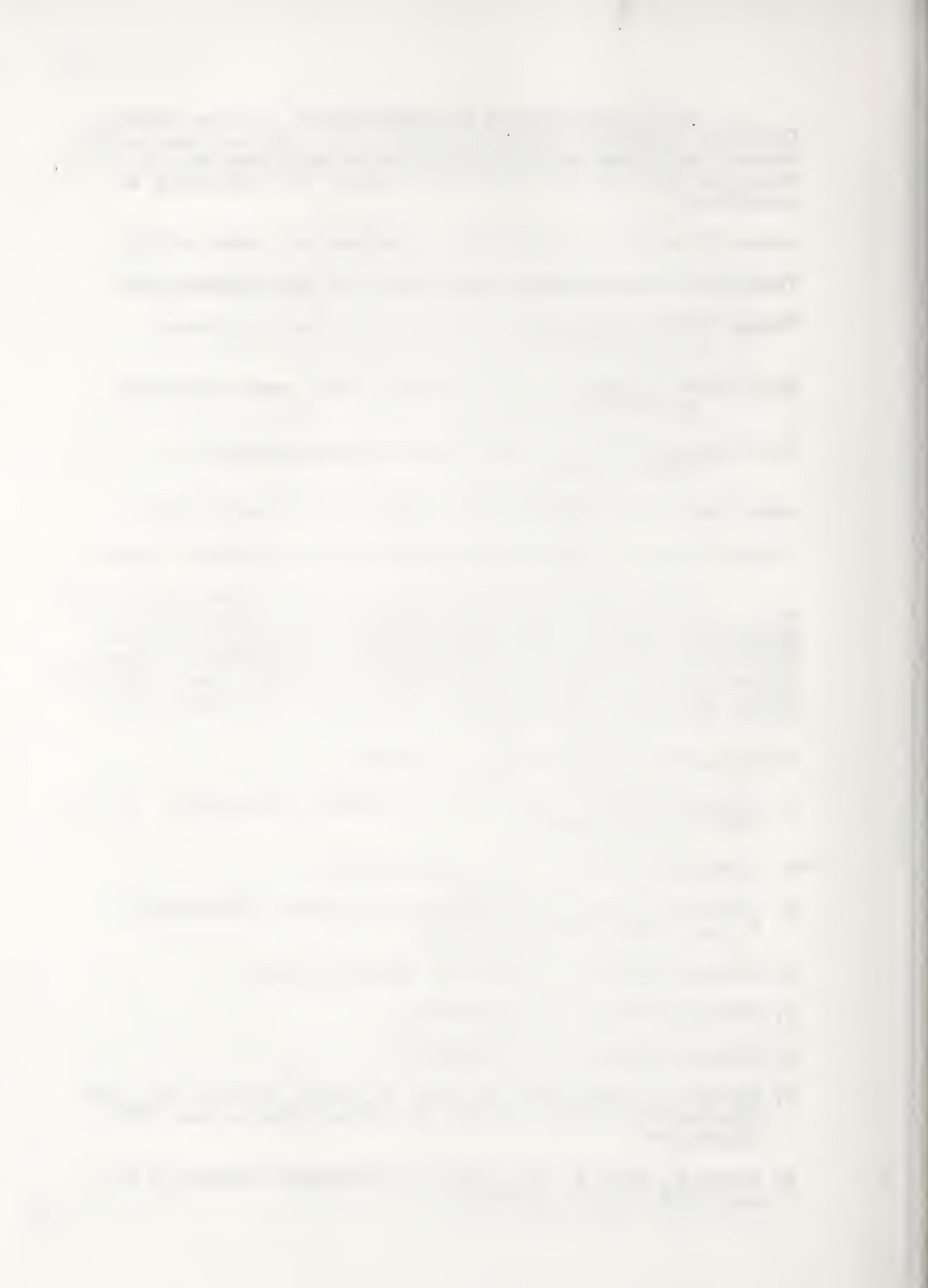
Adam Clark Holt (1847-1938), grandson of Nimrod Holt<sup>4</sup>

Joseph S. Holt (son of Adam Clark Holt) of Blythe, Calif.

Data following on the children of Joshua and Eleanor Holt were compiled from the records of the four North Carolina compilers referred to above; records of Joseph S. Holt of Blythe, Calif.; Holt Camp Ground tombstone inscriptions; and the 1850 census of Bedford County, Tenn. (Michael Holt, Dist. 21; Jourdan Holt, Dist. 20; Hiram Eady, Dist. 23; H. F. Holt, Dist. 22):

Children (b. Orange County, N. Car.):

1. Michael Holt b. ca. 1791, m. Matilda (Wilhough?), b. ca. 1805, North Carolina.
- \*2. Joshua Holt b. ca. 1792 (see below).
3. Jordan C. Holt b. ca. 1794, m. Margaret (Wilhough?), b. ca. 1796, North Carolina.
4. Nimrod Holt b. ca. 1796, m. Nancy Burrows.
5. Hiram Holt m. ----- (Greer?)
6. Nellie Holt m. ----- (Nease?)
7. Candace Johnson Holt b. June 10, 1808, d. Oct. 24, 1851 (buried Holt Camp Ground), m. Hiram Edde b. ca. 1807, Tennessee.
8. Herod F. Holt b. ca. 1809, m. Elizabeth (Greer?), b. ca. 1813, North Carolina.



JOSHUA HOLT<sup>4</sup> (Joshua<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

m. (marriage date not located;  
1st child b. 1817, Bedford County, Tenn.)

Kazira Burrow (dau. of Freeman Burrow and ----- Alexander)

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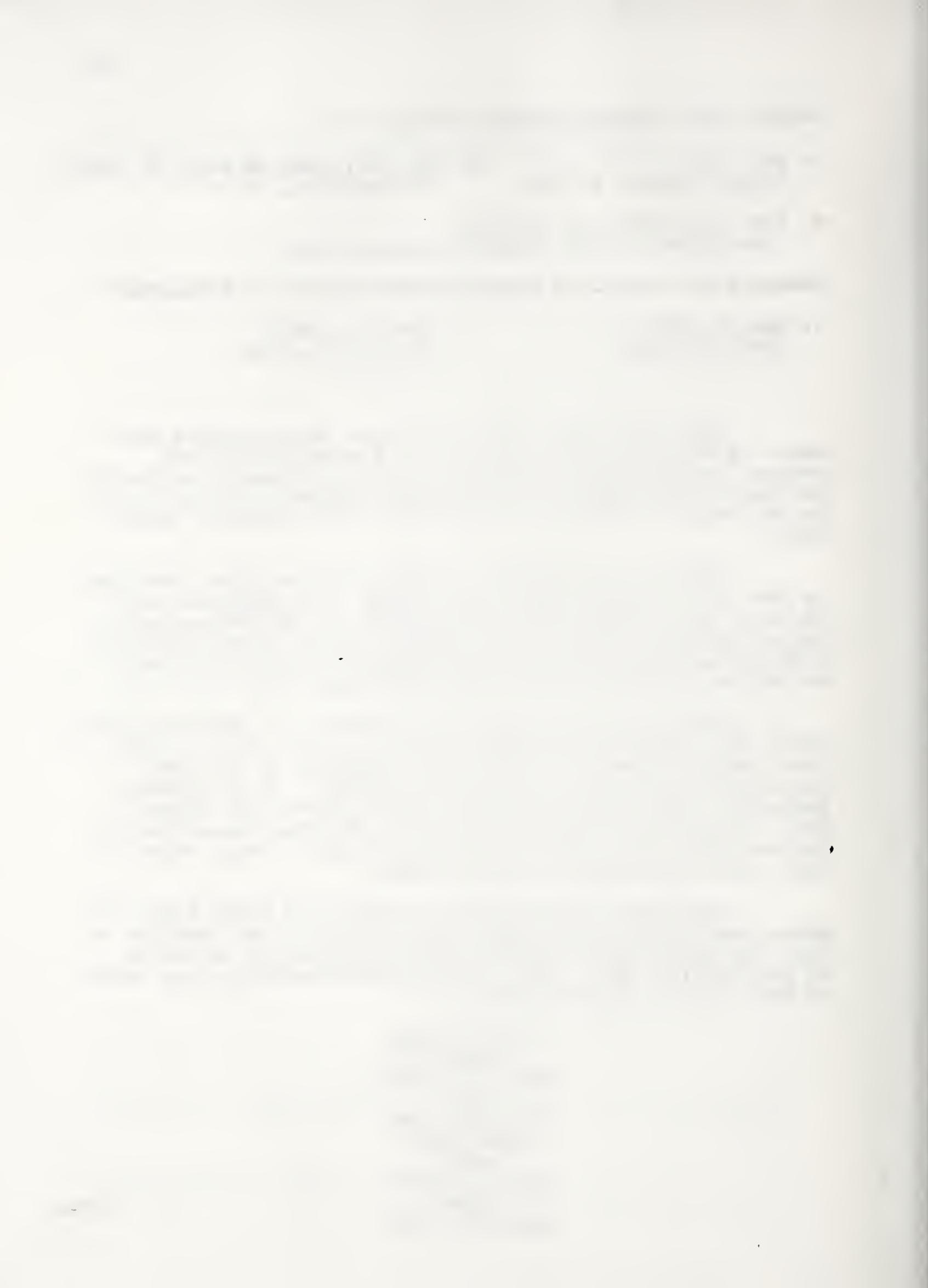
The first name of Mrs. Holt was found spelled many ways: As Kizir on her tombstone; as Kisiah in the 1850 census; as Kasiah in the Bible of her son Michael; as Keziah on death certificate of her daughter Margaret, and as Kazira in the records of the late Mrs. Arle Clinton Holt of Mesa, Ariz.

Names of the parents of Kazira Burrow were furnished by Mrs. Arle Clinton Holt whose source of information was the late Harry Moore of Mt. Vernon, Mo., a well-known educator of Lawrence County and a distant cousin of Arle Clinton Holt on the Burrow side. (Note that the first child born to Joshua and Kazira Holt was named Freeman B.)

Freeman Burrow was an early settler in Bedford County, which was formed in 1807-1808 (Foster, p. 46; Ray, p. 558). The family of Freeman Burrow was enumerated in the 1820 census of Bedford County (Houston, p. 32). It is probable, therefore, that the marriage of Kazira Burrow and Joshua Holt occurred in Bedford County, but the date cannot now be located since all marriage records in that county, prior to 1861, were destroyed by fire in 1863.

Tombstone inscriptions of Joshua and Kizir Holt, and other members of their family were copied by the compiler on Oct. 28, 1960 at the Grammer Cemetery, 1½ miles northwest of Marionville, Mo. This cemetery was located on land owned at that time by Eugene Medlin.

Joshua Holt  
born  
Sept. 17, 1787  
died  
Dec. 17, 1864  
Kizir Holt  
born  
Apr. 1, 1796  
died  
Dec. 13, 1857



A death date of Dec. 18, 1866 was recorded for Joshua Holt in his son's Bible, from which excerpts are copied below. In an effort to verify a death date for Joshua Holt, a letter was written to the Probate Judge of Lawrence County, Mo., who replied there was no record of the estate in that county. A search for an obituary could not be made since the first paper published in the county was in February, 1867.

Attention must be called here to the probability of an error in the birthdate on the tombstone of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>:

(1) In the 1800 census of Orange County, N. Car., the family of Joshua Holt<sup>3</sup> included 4 males under 10. A son born in 1787 should have been enumerated in the "over 10-under 16" category (see p. 31).

(2) Below are years of birth, estimated from the age recorded for Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup> in the census enumerations of 1820 through 1860:

Census	Age Recorded	Estimated Birthdate
1820	26-45	1775-1794
1830	30-40	1790-1800
1840	40-50	1790-1800
1850	58	1792
1860	68	1792

On the strength of the census records, a birthdate of about 1792 has been recorded here for Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>.

The Joshua Holt family was enumerated in the 1820 census of Bedford County, Tenn. (Houston, p. 44):

Males: 1 - 26-45 years Females: 1 - under 10 years  
1 - 16-26

and in the 1830 census of Bedford County:

Males: 3 - under 5 Females: 1 - 10-15  
2 - 5-10 1 - 30-40  
1 - 15-20  
1 - 30-40

When the sixth census was taken in 1840 in Bedford County, the Joshua Holt family was enumerated as:

This census showed that two people were employed in agriculture and three slaves were owned by the family.



Extant Bedford County, Tenn. Chancery Court Minutes, transcribed under the Works Progress Administration, show that Joshua Holt was a member of a jury on Sept. 2, 1847.

The Joshua Holt family was enumerated on Sept. 9th in the 1850 census of Bedford County, in Civil District 22 (family 74-74): Joshua Holt, age 58, birthplace - North Carolina, was a farmer who owned real estate valued at \$4,000.00; birthplace of Kisiah, age 42?, was given as North Carolina; Tennessee was recorded as the place of birth of all other members of the household: Joshua, 27, a wagoner; William, 22, a laborer; Herod, 21, a laborer; Hiram, 19, a laborer; Mary, 16, Elinor, 15, and Jane, 12. Joshua Holt was shown as the owner of three slaves in the Slaveowners Schedule of the 1850 census.

In April, 1853, the sale of five slaves belonging to the Estate of Joshua Holt<sup>3</sup> was reported to the Bedford County Court: "David was bid off by Joshua Holt" for \$900.00 (Court Minutes, p. 72; Jones, p. 55).

The date Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup> moved to Missouri can be estimated as after April, 1853 and probably prior to Sept. 23, 1856, when Joshua Holt<sup>5</sup> was married in Lawrence County, Mo.

George Holt of Marionville, Mo., grandson of Joshua Holt<sup>4</sup>, told the compiler on Oct. 28, 1960 that his grandfather Holt lived in Stone County, Mo. a short time before settling in Lawrence County, Mo.

When the Federal census was taken in 1860, Joshua Holt, "Senr." was enumerated on June 30th in the home of his son Joshua (family 989-949) in Buck Prairie Township, Lawrence County, Mo. Birthplace of Joshua, Sr. was recorded as Missouri?, age - 68, occupation - "inmate farmer."

The following records of this generation of the Holt family were copied from the Bible of Michael Holt, now in possession of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis. On the flyleaf of this Bible is written:

Michael Holt's Book October 19, 1846  
Bible

The Bible was printed in New York in 1844 for the American Bible Society.

Deaths

Joshua Holt Seign  
Dide December 18  
1866

Kasiah Holt Seig  
Dide December 13th 1857

Births

Freman B. Holt was  
Born 4th of 1817  
Dide 30 May, 1817

Eliza J. Holt was Born  
9th of December 1818



Hiram W Holt  
was killd at Cor  
rinth 1862  
Miss

William C Holt  
Dide November 27  
1868

Joshua Holt Jr  
Dide July 27 1871

Mary M. Boils  
Dide in Little Rock  
1871

H. J. M. Holt Died  
Jan. 7, 1905

Malinda R. Holt  
Died July 14, 1872

#### Marriages

Eliza J. Holt  
and Britton Phelps  
Was Married  
May 3th 1848

William C. Holt and  
Vine Rigs  
Was Married 1852

H J M Holt and  
Malindia Hix  
Was Married 1854

Elenor C Holt and  
J Spears  
Was Married 1854

H. J. M. Holt and  
Eliza J. McCoy  
Married April 1st  
1880

#### Children (b. Bedford County, Tenn.):

1. Freman B. Holt b. ----- 4, 1817, d. May 30, 1817.
2. Eliza J. Holt b. Dec. 9, 1818, d. June 26, 1896 (buried  
Grammer Cemetery), m. May 3, 1848, Britton Phelps b. ca.  
1821, North Carolina, d. 1901, Lawrence County, Mo.  
(Birthdate on her tombstone, Dec. 9, 1817. Britton Phelps  
data from George Holt of Marionville, Mo. and 1860 census,

Joshua Holt was Born  
February 18th 1823

J. C. Holt Was Born  
June 16th 1825  
Died July 20 1833

William C. Holt  
was Born 13th April  
1827

Herod J. M. Holt  
was Born June 3 1829

Margaret J Holt  
was Born 18th Jan 1838

Eleanor C. Holt Was  
Born March 19 1836

H. J. M. Holt  
was Born June  
2d 1829  
Departed this  
Life Jan 7, 1905

Malinda R Holt  
was Born Aug 31  
1833



Lawrence County, Mo., Buck Prairie Township, family 955-915.)

- \*3. Michael Holt b. Sept. 21, 1821 (see below).
- 4. Joshua Holt b. Feb. 18, 1823, d. July 27, 1871 (buried Grammer Cemetery), m. Sept. 23, 1856, Lawrence County, Mo. Martha Jane Grammer b. Nov. 1, 1838, d. Jan. 29, 1909 (buried Grammer Cemetery). (Lawrence County, Mo. Marriage Bk. ABC, p. 158.)
- 5. J. C. Holt b. June 16, 1825, d. July 20, 1833.
- 6. William C. Holt b. Apr. 13, 1827, d. Nov. 27, 1868 (buried Grammer Cemetery), m. 1852, Vine Rigs. Records on file at the Adjutant General's Office in Jefferson City, Mo. show that William C. Holt served with the Union troops during the Civil War: in Company B of the Lawrence County Home Guards and in Companies C and G, 24th Regiment Infantry Volunteers.
- 7. Herod Jackson Monroe Holt b. June 2, 1829, d. Jan. 7, 1905, Aurora, Mo. (buried Grammer Cemetery), m. 1st 1854, in Bedford County, Tenn., Malinda Rice Hix b. Aug. 31, 1833, Bedford County, d. July 14, 1872, Marionville, Mo. (buried Grammer Cemetery). H. J. M. Holt m. 2nd Apr. 1, 1880, in Barry County, Mo., Eliza Jane McCoy b. Sept. 10, 1838 in Tennessee, d. Dec. 3, 1919, Butterfield, Mo. H. J. M. Holt served with Union troops during the Civil War in Company M of the 5th Tennessee Cavalry and received a pension from the government. He moved to Lawrence County, Mo. in 1869. (The above data from Fred Holt of Springfield, Mo., George Holt of Marionville, Mo., Mrs. Arle Clinton Holt of Mesa, Ariz. and obituary, "Death of Uncle Jack Holt," Lawrence County Record [Mt. Vernon, Mo.], Jan. 12, 1905, p. 1. Two birthdates, varying by one day, were found for H. J. M. Holt in the Michael Holt Bible. The June 3, 1829 date was an early entry; the June 2, 1829 date was apparently written at the time of his death.)
- 8. Hiram W. Holt b. ca. 1831. He was a Confederate soldier, killed at the Battle of Shiloh April, 1862 (from George Holt of Marionville, Mo.).
- 9. Mary M. Holt b. ca. 1834, d. 1881, Little Rock, Ark., m. ----- Boils, who d. prior to 1881. (The Michael Holt Bible records death of Mary M. Boils as 1871. George Holt of Marionville, Mo. was definite in his statement that Mary Boils died in 1881.)
- 10. Eleanor C. Holt b. Mar. 19, 1836, d. 1920/21 near Marshall, Ark., m. 1854 John Spears, who d. prior to 1920/21 (from George Holt of Marionville, Mo.)
- 11. Margaret Jane Holt b. Jan. 18, 1838, d. May 8, 1919 (buried



Grammer Cemetery), m. 1st Michael J. Pee b. 1829, d. 1865 (buried Grammer Cemetery). Margaret Jane Holt-Pee m. 2nd Oct. 7, 1880 in Lawrence County, Mo., William H. McNatt (buried Grammer Cemetery). (Lawrence County, Mo. Marriage Bk. C, p. 179).



MICHAEL HOLT<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4,3</sup>, Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

m. Mar. 13, 1851  
Monroe County, Miss.

Polona Ann Webb (dau. of Addison R. and Nancy E. Webb)

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Michael Holt left Bedford County, Tenn. possibly around Oct. 19, 1846 (the date recorded on the flyleaf of his Bible) and settled in Monroe County, Miss. References to Michael Holt in the Courthouse records of Monroe County cover the period 1847 to 1851.

1847, May 8 - Samuel Brewer, indebted to Michael Holt for \$387.88, put up a parcel of land in Aberdeen as security, about five acres including building and improvements. James Jones was trustee (Deed Bk. 12, p. 412).

1849, November - Michael Holt was paid \$3.00 by the Probate Court in connection with an election.

1850, Feb. 4 - Michael Holt was security for Narcissa Dawson, who had purchased a negro woman and child and given a note for \$475.00 payable in 12 months to Moye & Adams, "traders in negroes." William Hill was trustee (Deed Bk. 14, p. 256).

1850, May 13 - The Probate Court paid Michael Holt \$1.00 for one day's service in connection with the election of the Secretary of State.

1850, Oct. 7 - Michael Holt was paid \$1.00 by the Probate Court for his service as a guard.

When the 1850 census was taken in the Eastern Division of Monroe County, Michael Holt was enumerated on Sept. 21st in the household of William Hill (family 277-290). Michael's age was given as 27, his occupation - merchant, birthplace - Tennessee.

The Addison Webb family was enumerated on Sept. 2nd in the Western Division of Monroe County (family 18-18). Palona Webb's age was given as 18, birthplace - Alabama. This census would indicate that the Webb family had moved from Alabama to Mississippi between 1840 and 1843.



1851, Mar. 12 - Michael Holt gave a bond for \$200.00 to secure a license to marry Polona Ann Webb. David K. Fooshee was security. The marriage was solemnized the following day by W. C. Robb, a Methodist Minister (Marriages, 1850-58, p. 93).

The Michael Holt family left Mississippi sometime after Jan. 10, 1856 (birthdate of Robert Paine Holt) and settled in Arkansas, where they were enumerated in the 1860 census on June 19th and 20th in Maurice Township, Arkansas County (family 116-116). The occupation of Michael Holt was given as wagon maker, age - 38, birthplace - Tennessee, value of real estate - \$1,600.00, value of personal property - \$100.00; Polly Ann's age was recorded as 23?, birthplace - Alabama, occupation - school teacher; Robert P., born in Mississippi, was age 4.

In 1868 Michael Holt was elected Treasurer of Arkansas County for a two-year term and was re-elected in 1870 for another two-year term (Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, p. 645).

In 1869, Michael Holt acquired three properties in Arkansas County: On June 10th, for \$25.00, a lot in DeWitt from Commissioners Quertermous, Maxwell and Merrett; on Sept. 23rd, for \$200.00, 20 acres from J. G. Quertermous and his wife; on Sept. 27th, for \$30.00, a lot in DeWitt from James Gibson and his wife (Deed Bk. Q, pp. 554, 474, 553).

When the 1870 census was taken, the Michael Holt family was enumerated on July 13th in LaGrex Township, Arkansas County (family 64-64). The occupation of Michael Holt was recorded as farmer, age - 48, value of real estate - \$500.00, value of personal property - \$350.00, birthplace - Tennessee; birthplace of Polona, age 40, was given as Alabama; the age of Robert P. was listed as 14, birthplace - Mississippi. Also living in this household was Franklin R. Webb, age 21, a preacher, born in Mississippi.

1871, May 9 - Cynthia Quertermous sold Michael Holt 5 acres in Arkansas County for \$500.00 (Deed Bk. S, p. 270).

When the 1880 census was taken, the Michael Holt family was enumerated on June 14th in LaGrue Township of Arkansas County (family 180-193). The occupation of Mikel Holt was recorded as Gospel Minister, age - 59, birthplace - Tennessee, birthplace of parents - South Carolina?; the age of Palonie Holt was given as 49, birthplace - Alabama, birthplace of father - Maryland, birthplace of mother - Alabama. (In the 1850 census, Kentucky was given as the state of birth of Addison and Nancy Webb.) Also living with Michael and Polona Holt was their son Robert and his wife (family 180-194). The occupation of Robert Holt was recorded as attorney



at law, age ~ 24, birthplace - Mississippi, birthplace of father - Tennessee, birthplace of mother - Alabama; the age of Maggie Holt was given as 20, her birthplace - Arkansas, birthplace of her parents - Tennessee.

Michael and Polona Holt were buried at the DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt, Ark. Their tombstone inscriptions are copied below:

(Masonic Emblem) Rev. Michael Holt Born Sept. 21, 1821 Died Dec. 17, 1889 Only Sleeping	Polona A. Wife of Rev. M. Holt Born Jan. 28, 1828 Died Feb. 4, 1899 At Rest
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The following records of this generation of the Holt family were copied from the Bible of Michael Holt.

Michael Holt Born 21 Sept. 1821	Mary V Holt Departed this Life June 30th 1853
Polona An Webb Born 28th Jan 1831	Jackson H Holt Departed this life July 8th 1855
Mary V. Holt was Born March 9th 1852	Christopher Columbus Holt Departed this Life Aug 5th 1861
Jackson H. Holt was Born December 10th 1853	Alice E Holt Departed this Life September 30th 1864
Robert P. Holt Was Born January 10th 1856	Anna E Holt Departed this life March 15th 1870
Christopher Columbus Holt Was Born Aug 11th 1860	Michael Holt & Miss Polona An Holt was married March 13th 1851
Alice E. Holt Was Born May 7th 1863	Michael Holt was Born Sept 21 1816
Annie E. Holt Was Born Aug 9th 1866	

It will be noted from the above Bible record that there are two birthdates for Michael Holt, Sept. 21, 1821 and Sept. 21, 1816. Birthdate of Polona Ann Webb was recorded in the Bible as Jan. 28, 1831, on her tombstone as Jan. 28, 1828.

1970-1971

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1973-1974

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1980-1981

1981-1982

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1983-1984

1984-1985

1985-1986

1986-1987

1987-1988

1988-1989

1989-1990

An analysis of the ages given for Michael and Polona Holt in their census records of 1850 through 1880 would indicate an approximate birthdate of 1820-22 for Michael, 1830-32 for Polona (discounting her 1860 age as an error, or understatement). Consequently, it would appear that the 1816 birthdate recorded for Michael Holt in the Bible is an error, further that there is a three-year error in the birthdate on the tombstone of Polona A. Holt.

Children (1st three b. Monroe County, Miss., last three b. Arkansas County, Ark.):

1. Mary V. Holt b. Mar. 9, 1852, d. June 30, 1853.
2. Jackson H. Holt b. Dec. 10, 1853, d. July 8, 1855.
- \*3. Robert Paine Holt b. Jan. 10, 1856 (see below).
4. Christopher Columbus Holt b. Aug. 11, 1860, d. Aug. 5, 1861.
5. Alice E. Holt b. May 7, 1863, d. Sept. 30, 1864.
6. Anna E. Holt b. Aug. 9, 1866, d. Mar. 15, 1870.



ROBERT PAIN HOLT<sup>6</sup> (Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4,3</sup>, Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

m. 1st Nov. 5, 1879  
Arkansas County, Ark.

Maggie E. Wakefield

Robert Paine Holt m. 2nd Mar. 5, 1884  
DeWitt, Ark.

Ella Thomas (dau. of Uriah and Esther Ann (Edwards) Thomas)

Ella (Thomas) Holt m. 2nd May 14, 1923  
Glendale, Calif.

Rev. Henry McCall Goodwin

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Robert Paine Holt was named for Robert Paine, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who lived in Aberdeen, Miss.

Robert Paine Holt studied law in DeWitt, Ark., "a town famous for its distinguished lawyers." He was, "for a brief period, another of its brilliant barristers," a partner in the law firm of Gibson and Holt.

When Robert P. Holt and Maggie E. Wakefield were married in 1879, the Rev. W. J. Rodgers of the M.E. Church, South, officiated (Marriage Bk. E, p. 390).

After the death of Maggie Holt, Robert P. Holt and Ella Thomas were married in 1884 at DeWitt by J. R. Sherwood, an Elder in the M.E. Church, South (Marriage Bk. F, p. 141).

Robert and Ella Holt were active in the Methodist Church, they both taught Sunday School classes and their home was a haven for visiting preachers.

Robert Paine Holt died from typhoid fever at the age of 36, leaving his wife with two small boys, a small amount of property, some insurance, and a nice home in DeWitt.



After her husband's death, Ella Holt remained in DeWitt until Ivan Lee had completed his elementary schooling, then moved to Fordyce, Ark., where the boys were enrolled in the Fordyce Training School.

After Ivan Lee graduated from the Training School, the family moved to Nashville, where Ivan Lee was enrolled at Vanderbilt University and where Robert Earl continued his studies, entering Vanderbilt two years later. These were hard years for there was little money, but Ella Holt's desire to have her sons well educated was realized by 1910. Ivan Lee had received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in December, 1909, Robert Earl graduated the following year with a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Ella Holt lived with her sons, in Arkansas and Missouri, until her marriage in 1923 to the Rev. Henry McCall Goodwin of Glendale, Calif.

Ella Holt Goodwin and her husband were buried at the Grand View Memorial Park in Glendale. Their tombstone inscriptions are copied below.

Mother  
Ella Holt Goodwin  
1862-1932

Rev. Henry McCall Goodwin  
May 21, 1858  
Jan 13, 1943

Robert and Maggie Holt were buried at the DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt, Ark. Their tombstone inscriptions are given below.

(Masonic  
Emblem)  
Rob't. Paine Holt  
Born  
Jan. 10, 1856  
Died  
Oct. 22, 1892  
In life beloved,  
in death lamented

Gone Home  
Sacred to the memory of  
Maggie E.  
Beloved Wife of  
R. P. Holt  
Died  
Oct. 2d A.D. 1881  
Aged

22 yrs. 9 mos. and 28 days  
Dearest Maggie, thou hast left me,  
Here, thy loss I deeply feel,  
But 'tis God who hath bereft me,  
He can all my sorrows heal.

The following records of this generation of the Holt family were copied from the Bible of Michael Holt.

R. P. Holt and  
Maggie E. Wakefield  
married November  
5th A.D. 1879

Maggie E. Holt wife  
of R. P. Holt Departed  
This life Oct 2d 1881



Robert P. Holt  
Departed this life  
Oct. 22nd 1892  
He was a good  
and able man

Children of Robert P. and Ella Holt (b. DeWitt, Ark.):

- \*1. Ivan Lee Holt b. Jan. 9, 1886 (see below).
2. Robert Earl Holt b. Nov. 7, 1888, d. Mar. 16, 1939, Stuttgart, Ark., m. Nov. 22, 1911 in Fayetteville, Ark., Edith Sutton, who resides in Stuttgart, b. Jan. 6, 1889, Fayetteville, Ark. Robert Earl Holt, a well known attorney of Stuttgart, studied at Vanderbilt University, graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B.A. degree in 1908, and from the University of Virginia with a law degree in 1910. He was a leader in civic and religious affairs of his community.



IVAN LEE HOLT<sup>7</sup> (Robert Paine<sup>6</sup>, Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4,3</sup>, Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

b. Jan. 9, 1886 res. 20 N. Kingshighway  
DeWitt, Ark. St. Louis, Mo.

m. 1st June 6, 1906  
Stuttgart, Ark.

Walter Leland Burks, called Leland  
(dau. of Walter Leland and Mary Alice (Wooldridge) Burks)

b. Apr. 8, 1880 d. May 28, 1948  
Saline County, Mo. near Mexico, Mo.

Ivan Lee Holt m. 2nd Mar. 27, 1950  
Greenwich, Conn.

Starr (Blasingame) Carithers, widow of H. A. Carithers

b. Oct. 24, 1893 d. Aug. 6, 1958  
Jersey, Ga. Brussels, Belgium

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#### The Ministry of Ivan Lee Holt

Born in DeWitt, Arkansas, Bishop Holt graduated from the Training School in Fordyce, Arkansas, took his A.B. degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, majoring in Semitic Languages. He traveled and studied in Europe, and in 1906 he married Miss Leland Burks of Saline County, Missouri. After her death in 1948, he married in 1950 Mrs. H. A. Carithers of Winder, Georgia. He was Professor of Greek and Latin at Stuttgart, Arkansas, in the Training School, from 1904 to 1907, and was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1909. On receiving his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago, it was difficult to decide whether he would preach or teach, since opportunities were open to him to join the faculty at either Harvard or Johns Hopkins University. These were two of the few universities which had Departments of Semitic Languages and the major field in each would have been Assyrian and Babylonian, in which Dr. Holt had specialized, with an emphasis on such cognate languages as Arabic, Aramaic, Coptic, Hebrew, Sumerian and Syriac. Under the influence of a bishop of the M.E. Church, South, the decision was reached to enter the preaching ministry.

#### In the Methodist Church

Bishop Holt's first appointment was to University Church in St. Louis. He served this church from 1909



to 1911, and then went to Centenary Church in Cape Girardeau, where he served from 1911 to 1915. In 1915, he went to Southern Methodist University as Professor of Old Testament Literature, and Chaplain of the University. In 1918, he returned to St. Louis to become Pastor at St. Johns Methodist Episcopal Church, where he remained for twenty years. He was elected on the first ballot a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the General Conference of 1938. With unification, he became a bishop of the Methodist Church in 1939.

Bishop Holt has had an unusual experience in the ministry, not only because of his long service in one church, but because of the many commissions he has received to represent his church. He has been a member of the General Epworth League Board, the General Board of Education, the Board of Trustees of Central College, and the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University. In his own Conference he has been Chairman of the Sunday School Board, Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Board of Finance, and Chairman of the Board of Missions. He is President of the Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church, and the income of retired ministers has been increased from year to year.

He has been Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of Australia at the Commemoration of its Centennial, and Fraternal Messenger to the Uniting Conference which brought together the three Methodist Churches of Great Britain. He has served as a member of the Hymnal Commission, which prepared the new Methodist Hymnal, and was Chairman of the Commission on Classification, one of the two small commissions which did the final editing. He has been a member of the Commission on Unification, and a member of the General Conferences of 1922, 1926, 1934 and 1938. Bishop Holt was a speaker at the Sesqui-Centennial of American Methodism in Baltimore, gave one of the principal addresses at the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1921, and at the Ecumenical Conference in Atlanta in 1931. He has been a member of the Methodist Ecumenical Council since 1931. At the Seventh Ecumenical Methodist Conference he was elected one of the two presidents, and at the Eighth Ecumenical Conference in Oxford in 1951, he was elected sole president. He has been President of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church in the United States, and thus has been at the head of his own church. Now, as President of the World Methodist Council, he heads the Methodist Churches of the world, the only one ever to hold such a position in the larger church, the most influential in



Methodism since the beginning of the movement. From 1940-1948, he had visitorial supervision of the Methodist work in Latin America, made many trips there, and helped to secure from the home church the largest contributions ever made to mission work in Latin America.

Not only has Bishop Holt been at the head of Methodism, but he was the first pastor ever to be elected President of the Federal Council of Churches, becoming the leader of American Protestantism. He has been twice President of the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis, is a member of the American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, of the Religious Education Association, of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Theta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities, and of many prominent civic clubs in St. Louis. For some years, he has been president of Theta Phi, honorary ministerial fraternity.

He is the author of "Some Babylonian Contracts", "The Return of Spring to Man's Soul", "The Search for a New Strategy in Protestantism", "The Biography of Bishop Eugene Russell Hendrix", "The Missouri Bishops", and "The Methodists of the World". As Chairman of the Commission on Worship, he led in the preparation of the "Book of Worship", the Methodist Book of Common Prayer, and this is probably as great a contribution to Methodism as he could make.

He has received as honorary degrees: D.D. from Duke University, Central College, and Victoria College of the University of Toronto, Canada; LL.D. from Emory University, Southern College and the University of Arkansas; Litt.D. from Ohio Wesleyan University, and S.T.D. from Syracuse University.

In 1931, Bishop Holt served as Guest Pastor at Egremont Presbyterian Church at Wallasey, England, and has attended international conferences on peace and religion, going to Europe every other year since 1918. In 1935 he was guest pastor at the Community Church in Shanghai, China, and a visitor to the National Christian Councils of the lands around the Pacific. He has spoken to many of the National Conferences of the Protestant denominations as well as at meetings of city and state federations. He was chosen by the World Council of Churches as one of America's representatives at a conference in Geneva in the summer of 1939, called in an effort to prevent war. He was Chairman of the Commission for the Study of Christian Unity (of the Federal Council), and when eight denominations met at Greenwich, Conn., in 1949, to discuss union, he was elected President of the Conference on Church Union. As Chairman of the Commission on Church Union of the Methodist Church, he has initiated discussions of union



with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He was a delegate to the Conference of Life and Work at Oxford in 1937, the Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh in 1937, the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948, the World Conference of Faith and Order at Lund, Sweden, in 1952. He is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, of the Executive Committee of the Church Peace Union, of the Executive Committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship, and Chairman of the Commission on American Churches Overseas of the National Council of Churches. He was one of the organizers and promoters of the National Council of Churches, proposing it as far back as 1938. He has had as wide and influential contact in the church at large as any minister of his day, and probably knows personally more Protestant religious leaders than any other man.

Child of Ivan Lee and Leland Holt (b. Marshall, Mo.):

Ivan Lee Holt b. May 4, 1913 (see below)



IVAN LEE HOLT<sup>8</sup> (Ivan Lee<sup>7</sup>, Robert Paine<sup>6</sup>, Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4,3</sup>, Michael<sup>2,1</sup>)

b. May 4, 1913  
Marshall, Mo.

res. 56 Kingsbury Pl.  
St. Louis, Mo.

m. Dec. 26, 1945  
Kansas City, Mo.

Mary (Edwards) Depping  
(dau. of Isham L. and Janette (Suggett) Edwards)

b. Oct. 18, 1909  
Callaway County, Mo.

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Ivan Lee Holt attended public school and John Burroughs School in St. Louis, graduated from the latter in 1931; Princeton University 1931-34, and the University of Chicago 1934-37, received A.B. and J.D. degrees there in 1935 and 1937, respectively. Admitted to Bar of Missouri 1937.

Associated with Marion C. Early, general practice of law, 1937-40; 1940-42 Assistant Circuit Attorney, City of St. Louis; 1942-46 Lieutenant (j.g.) to Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve; 1947-48 Assistant Professor of Law, Washington University, St. Louis; 1948-49 associated with Jones, Hocker, Gladney & Grand, general practice of law.

Appointed Judge Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri in 1949; 1950 and 1956 retained Judge Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Member, Board of Trustees, National Probation & Parole Association 1956-58. Member, The Methodist Church: The Survey Commission 1950-52; The Co-ordinating Council 1952-56; The Judicial Council 1956-60. President, Board of Trustees, Methodist Children's Home of Missouri. First Vice-Chairman, Section of Judicial Administration, American Bar Association.

Member St. Louis: Board of Trustees, Barnes Hospital; Advisory Council, St. Louis University School of Law; Boards of Goodwill Industries, Downtown Y.M.C.A., Washington University Clinics, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Community Music School, St. John's Methodist Church.

Member of Advisory Council of Judges, National Council on Crime and Delinquency; Board of Trustees, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Board of University of Chicago Law School Alumni; Directors American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Institute of



Judicial Administration; National Conference of State Trial Judges; Missouri and National Council Juvenile Court Judges; National Fund for Medical Education.

Member of American, Missouri, St. Louis Bar Associations, Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi. Member of University Club, St. Louis.

Child of Ivan Lee and Mary Holt (b. St. Louis, Mo.):

Ivan Lee Holt b. May 21, 1947.



A P P E N D I X



MICHAEL HOLT <sup>1</sup>	Martin H. Holt	Robert O. Holt	Rev. D. I. Offman	Horace B. Lindsey
born when		about 1765	about 1765	about 1765
born where				Palatinate (Alsace)
died when				Will pro. Nov. 1767
died where				buried Alamance Co. (then Orange Co.)
name of wife		Elizabeth ----	Elizabeth ----	Elizabeth (Scheible?) O'Neill*
date of move to North Carolina		about 1740	about 1740	to Orange Co. about 1740
moved from where	Virginia			Pennsylvania or Virginia now known as Madison Co. <sup>2</sup>
				Virginia: "what is now known as Madison Co."

\*handwritten addition.



MICHAEL HOLT	Martin H. Holt	Robert O. Holt	Rev. D. I. Offman	Daniel S. Durrie	Horace B. Lindsey	Lefler and Wager
born when	May 6, 1723	May 6, 1723	May 6, 1723	May 6, 1723	May 6, 1723	May 6, 1723
born where	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
died when	1799, age 76	July 26, 1799	July 26, 1799	1805 or 6	July 20, 1799	1799
died where	buried on "home place" (Orange Co. now Alamance Co.)			Orange Co. N. Car.	Will pro. Orange Co. N. Car.	
date of 1st marriage			Jan. 4, 1745#			
name of 1st wife	Margaret O'Neill	Margaret (Peggy) O'Neill	Margaret (Peggy) O'Neill	Margaret (Peggy) O'Neill	Margaret (Peggy) O'Neill	"Peggy" O'Neal
born when						7-26-1726#
died when	about 1765					7-26-1726#
died where	buried with husband					
date of 2nd marriage	1767	1767	1765	1765	1765	1767
name of 2nd wife	Jean Lockhart	Jean Lockhart	Jean Lockhart	Jean Lockhart	---- Lockhart*	Jean Lockhart
born when	1745	1745	1745	1745	1745	1745
born where	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Aug. 10, 1746	Aug. 10, 1746
					Jan. 4, 1745#	Jan. 4, 1745#
					"of Augusta County, Va."	"of Augusta County, Va."

\*listed as only wife.

#handwritten additions.



Martin H.      Robert O.      Rev. D. I.      Daniel S.      Horace B.  
Holt              Holt              Offman              Durrie              Lindsey  
died when      1813              1813              1813              1808              Mar. 8, 1813  
                    died where      buried with      date of move  
                    to N. Car.      husband      to Orange Co.  
                    about 1740      about 1740



Excerpt from J. F. D. Smyth, A Tour in the United States of America (London, 1784), pp. 226-33:

Accordingly, in the morning, I took my left-hand cross-road, and after a long, but pleasant, ride down the eastern side of the Allamance Creek, I arrived at night at the house of a Mr. Michael Holt, a Dutchman, whose plantation was adjoining the creek, near the place where it enters the Haw River; having observed that I rode over a great deal of excellent land during these two days, the last of which I likewise travelled at least fifty miles.

Mr. Holt, although a High Dutchman, or rather the son of Dutch or German parents, for he himself was born in America, is a very loyal subject, and entertained me with great hospitality. He is a magistrate, possesses a considerable property, and has a great share of good sense and sound judgement, but without the least improvement from education, or the embellishment of any kind of polish, even in his exterior.

In the course of a long interesting conversation, with which he entertained me, and really afforded me a great deal of satisfaction and information by his sensible, blunt, and shrewd remarks on every subject occasionally, he explained the whole grounds, proceedings, and termination of that most unfortunate and much to be lamented affair of the Regulators, which made so great a noise in North Carolina, their scene of action, as well as in all America besides.

But, to avoid throwing reflections and censure, however just or otherwise, on characters of persons still in existence, out of whose power it is now ever to atone for their former, perhaps ill-timed, unfortunate, and mistaken conduct, I shall suffer it to rest in oblivion, only observing that those unhappy, ill-fated victims, the Regulators of North Carolina, were, and still are among the worthiest, steadiest, and most respectable friends to British government and real constitutional freedom. But oppression, misrepresentation, and ill fortune seem ever to have been the attendants on, and inauspicious fate of exemplary loyalty and virtue.

I left Mr. Holt on the second day after breakfast, and crossing the Haw River, &c. at a very good ford, arrived at Hillsborough to dinner, having rode only about twenty-six miles.

[This Mr. Holt, of Orange county, some Americans from Guildford county, almost all the Chiefs of the former Regulators, and about fifty or sixty of the principal men of the Scots Highland Emigrants of the settlement of Cross Creek, all under the command of Lieutenant-colonel Donald



MacDonald, as brigadier-general (now in London), having received great encouragement and particular directions from Governor Martin, his Majesty's Governor of North Carolina, to array the loyal inhabitants as militia in arms, who are very numerous in this province, he having promised to support them with arms, ammunition, money, and troops, if they could penetrate as far as Wilmington, or Brunswick, before which he lay at anchor in the river of Cape Fear on board a vessel of war, accordingly raised and arrayed about fifteen hundred men within a few days.

But having very imprudently delayed time for several weeks afterwards, and having committed some other capital blunders and mistakes, which however they were in some measure compelled to do, much against Colonel MacDonald's inclinations, and out of his power to prevent, this afforded the rebels an opportunity to assemble and collect in great force from every quarter around, to the number of six or eight thousand men, tolerably well armed, to oppose their progress.

Yet, in the face of so vast a superiority, this handful of brave men, without arms for one-sixth of their number, and even these almost entirely destitute of ammunition, marched boldly on, forcing their way, with great spirit and resolution, for eighty miles to More's Creek Bridge, within sixteen miles of Wilmington.

Here (on finding themselves unsupported, Colonel MacDonald also being very sick, and unable to command) by falling into divisions and dissensions among themselves and other injudicious measures, in attempting to cross this rivulet in the face of works thrown up and lined by very superior numbers of the enemy under cover, and supported likewise by several pieces of artillery, at a place where it was not fordable, upon a wooden bridge, the planks of which had been taken up, and the beams and sleepers greased and rendered slippery and impassable by the rebels, they met with a total defeat, several being killed, (particularly a gallant officer, Captain MacLeod, &c.) fighting bravely with their broad swords.

General MacDonald, who, as I have already mentioned, happened then to be extremely ill, and almost all their officers being taken prisoners, were treated with the utmost rigour and barbarity, to a degree scarcely credible among civilized nations.

These gentlemen were all dragged through the country in triumph, in the most distressed miserable condition, destitute even of common necessities, and were at last distributed in prisons and wretched places of restraint, constructed for the particular purposes of cruelty, through the distant inland parts of Virginia, Maryland, and



Pennsylvania; and very few of them indeed have ever been able to return to their unhappy, disconsolate, helpless families and homes.

General MacDonald, Mr. Holt, and about thirty of the principals persons amongst them, were brought to Philadelphia in that wretched condition, and thrown into prison, where I, being then also in close confinement in the same place, had the melancholy, mortifying satisfaction of seeing and conversing with my old friendly, hospitable Dutchman once more: however, he contrived to make interest with the Congress to permit him to return again to his family and home, which they also granted to all of them who were natives of America, excepting a very worthy officer, Captain Leggit.

But the gallant brave old general, a man then near seventy years of age, who had been almost half a century an officer in his majesty's service, was most ignominiously and inhumanly treated, being rigidly and cruelly confined in a close room, secured with iron doors and bars, along with nine gentlemen besides, in the most sultry weather, and hot climate, during the summer; for he magnanimously and nobly declined their offers of partial indulgence to himself, unless it was extended to the rest of his officers, which the Congress, to its eternal disgrace and infamy, absolutely refused, for no reason whatsoever but on account of their zealous and exemplary loyalty and resolution.

This worthy old officer General MacDonald was at length exchanged along with General Prescott, for an American Colonel MacGraw, and the American General Alexander, or pretended Earl of Stirling.]



## WILL OF CATHINE LOCKHART

(pro. Orange County, N. Car. November, 1792)

In the Name of God Amen; I Cathron Lockhart of the Town of Hillsborough being in perfect health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God; calling into mind the mortality of the body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; That is to say principaly and first of all, I give & recomend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the yearth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurection I shall receive the saim again by the Almighty Power of God. And I do hereby appoint my dearly beloved son William Lockhart and James Farker my son in law as acting executors in this my last Will and Testament And as touching such wordly estate where-with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise & dispose of the saim in the following manner and form

First I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved son William Lockhart the dwelling house squire and loat whereon I now live and in posesion of with every other parte and partement thereunto belonging

Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughters to wit Cathrin Roads Jean Holt Sarah Farker Elizabeth Micklejohn and Marey Smith all & everything of my moveable property together with what sum or sums of money which may be in reserve and also debets that now or hereafter may be due after my decease to be equaly devided amongst the fore-said Cathrin Roads Jean Holt Sarah Farker Elizabeth Micklejohn and Meary Smith. And I do utterly disallow revock and disanull all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any ways before named willed or bequeathed; reatifying and confirming this, and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of Augut in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty six

Signed published pronounced & declared  
by me the said Cathrin Lockhart as hir  
last Will and Testament in the presance  
of us who in her presance & in the presance  
of each other have hereunto subscribed our  
names

Cathine Lockhart

John Allison  
William K-----  
Martin Palmer (Will Bk. B, p. 194)



JOSHUA HOLT <sup>3</sup>	Martin H. Holt	Robert O. Holt	Rev. D. I. Offman	Horace B. Lindsey
born when	1771	1771	not given	not given
married	Miss Burrow	Miss Burrow	Miss Burrow	Miss Burrow
children (and spouses)				
Michael	Miss Wilhough	Miss Wilhough	Miss Wilhough	Miss Wilhough
Jordan	Miss Wilhough	listed as son; no other data	Ann E. Shoffner	Ann E. Shoffner
Hiram	Miss Greer	Miss Grear	Miss Greer	Miss Greer
Nimrod	died young	listed as son; no other data	listed as son; no other data	listed as son; no other data
Herod	Miss Greer	Miss Grear	Miss Greer	Miss Greer
Nellie	Mr. Neece	Mr. Neese	not listed as daughter	not listed as daughter
Candace	unmarried	unmarried	not listed as daughter	not listed as daughter
Joshua Holt to Tennessee	early in the 19th century	about 1810	about 1810	about 1810



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